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NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Annual Report 1954*





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# TOWN REPORT

Milford, New Hampshire  
*1954*



Reports of TOWN BUSINESS for the year  
ending December 31, 1954



Reports of the SCHOOLS for the year  
ending on June 30, 1954

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## FOREWORD

To Milford Citizens:

This Annual Report is intended to present a comprehensive picture of the activities of your town and school system. The front section, on white paper, is devoted to town departments; the buff pages at the back tell of school activities.

Milford voted nine years ago to establish Public Works, and now most departments come under it. Consequently, a main section of this report comes under the sub-heading of Public Works, starting on Page 33.

The report is arranged so the reader can become acquainted with his town government, its expenses and its performance. The warrant and budget, for consideration at this year's town meeting, are printed in the front section. This is also true of warrant and budget for the schools, in the buff pages. These are matters for action at the town and school meetings. The tax rate is determined, in large measure, by these meetings.

The rest of the Town Report is devoted to records and accounts of what has happened during the past year. But this is not all dead material — in the first place, it is an accounting to the taxpayer of how his money is spent, how his town and schools are run. And in many of the reports, the responsible person makes recommendations for the future. These are of vital importance, and should receive careful attention.

The Town Report Committee

# Town Officers

## *Selectmen*

Ernest J. Durant	Term Expires 1955
A. Wallace Wilkins	Term Expires 1956
Charles P. Hayward	Term Expires 1957

## *Superintendent of Public Works*

Frank Reid, Jr.

### *Moderator*

Rodney C. Woodman

### *Town Treasurer*

Hugo E. Trentini

### *Tax Collector*

Donald C. Bruce

### *Checklist Supervisors*

William A. Medlyn

### *Auditors*

Paul C. Rizzi

Mario D. Bianchi

Leonard S. Lorden

J. Harold O'Neil

### *Town Clerk*

Donald C. Bruce

### *Chief of Police*

Oliver G. Williamson

## *Water Advisory Board*

Kenneth C. Langdell	Term Expires 1955
William A. Whipple	Term Expires 1956
Owen P. Fisk	Term Expires 1957

## *Firewards*

Edgar A. Norwood	Term Expires 1955
Paul N. Hutchinson	Term Expires 1956
Raymond A. Dyer	Term Expires 1957

## *Trustees of Trust Funds*

Archibald A. Murray	Term Expires 1955
Benjamin F. Prescott	Term Expires 1956
Hugo E. Trentini	Term Expires 1957

## *Cemetery Advisory Board*

Rodney C. Woodman	Term Expires 1955
Philip N. Brown	Term Expires 1956
J. Ernest Medlyn	Term Expires 1957



*Planning Board*

Ernest J. Durant, Chairman

Selectman

Paul C. Rizzi

Term Expires 1955

Lawrence E. Billings

Term Expires 1956

Joseph M. Silva

Term Expires 1956

Francis J. Lorden

Term Expires 1957

*Meat Inspector*

Dr. Walter B. Loring

*Health Officer*

Oscar Burns, M.D.

*Trustees of the Wadleigh Memorial Library*

William B. Rotch

Term Expires 1955

Muriel B. Young

Term Expires 1956

Benjamin F. Prescott

Term Expires 1957

*Budget Committee*

Clayton W. Chase, Chairman

William Ferguson

Edward P. Hallet

Roy E. Boulter

Harold S. Remick

George F. Nelson

Robert C. Campbell

William J. Crabtree

Donald M. Brown

Eben B. Hutton

L. Paul Ecklund

David A. Hoadley

Carl H. Holland

Harry K. Draper

Bart Prestipino

# Selectmen's Report

For the first time the Town of Milford will be faced with a tax rate equal to and perhaps even greater than 6% per \$100 valuation. This comes about not as the result of increased appropriations for town services or equipment but rather as the result of increased school population now arriving at school age.

Milford answered this school demand which although local was and is universal in scope by voting for the erection of a new school building designed to cover our needs for at least a considerable period of time.

As originally planned the financing of this new school building is to be spread over a period of twenty years by the issue of annual serial notes. Your Selectmen do not wish or mean to imply that the unanimous vote of the School District could have been improved upon. What we do want to emphasize is a word of caution as you cast your votes in town and school meetings during the next twenty or more years.

We believe that a six dollar or higher tax rate is a rather serious item for many taxpayers. Let us consider that Milford now has a reasonably and adequately good set of equipment for the various jobs in its several departments. We believe these departments are well and adequately managed. First let us re-emphasize the importance of maintaining the items in the budget which provide for the care of what we now possess. Then as new and additional pieces of equipment, enlargement of services, etc., appear from year to year in new articles in the warrant, let us give them our careful scrutiny, weighing them against an increasing tax rate.

There is one item which concerns every citizen of the town which your Board feels is a must for this year and we refer to an analysis of our present water supply and equipment. For a long time many of us have realized that sooner or later we will probably have to spend a sizable sum of money to supplement our present system back to an adequate and safe amount to



cover the ever changing and growing need for more water within our Town.

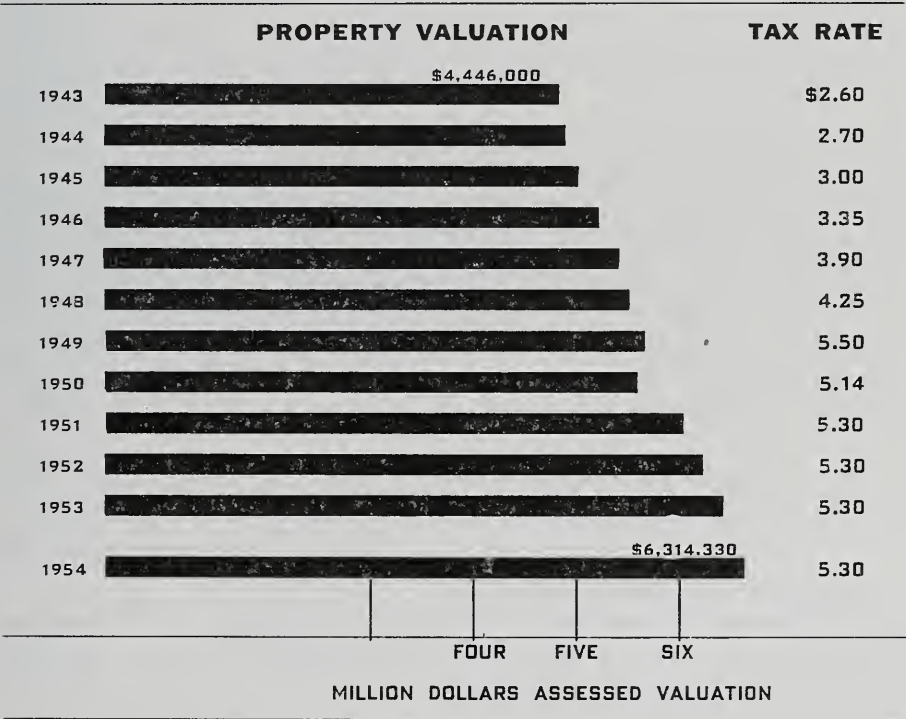
There are many different ways in which we can accomplish the needed results when the time arrives. Meanwhile we believe we should not sit idly by doing nothing when for a relatively small amount of money we can employ a reliable engineering firm to make the proper tests and tell us how best we can deal with the situation.

With such a report to guide us we believe that we will eventually arrive at the proper end in a proper manner.

With these remarks perhaps we have better served the Town than would have been accomplished with our brief report on various departments. Suffice it to say that our usual duties have been executed much as usual.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Valuation—Tax Rate



# WARRANT

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Milford in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

*You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Milford on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at two of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:*

*(Polls not to close before 8 P. M.)*

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To act upon the reports of all Town Officers, Agents and Committees and raise and appropriate money relative thereto.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, if necessary, as provided by law of 1907.

5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be used with income if any, for the election and registration expenses, municipal court expenses, public works administration, town hall and other buildings expenses, town officers' expenses, town officers' salaries, civil defense, fire department, hydrant rental, police department, garbage collection, health department, sewer maintenance, town dump, vital statistics, highway maintenance, oiling, snow removal, street lighting, town road aid, Wadleigh Memorial Library, old age assistance, town poor, Memorial Day, parks and playgrounds, cemeteries, information booth, damages and legal expenses, employees' retirement, insurance, police pension, tax map revision, interest on long term notes, interest on temporary loans, sewer correction, sidewalk construction, long term notes, and county taxes.

6. Shall the provision of Chapter 171-A of the Revised Laws relative to playing games of Beano be adopted in this Town.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the Community House.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the sum of \$4630.00 from the Parking Meter Fund for Apportionment B, TRA work on Nashua Street.



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9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the sum of \$3000.00 from the Parking Meter Fund for advance Apportionment B, TRA work on Nashua Street.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Safety lights to protect the Town Hall as required by State law.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5000.00 to conduct and complete water survey of the Town, and if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow up to an additional \$3500.00 for the same purpose.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to replace the Manual Adding Machine, in the Public Works office, with an Electric Printing Calculator. A like amount to be paid from Water Department funds.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 (this amount to be matched by Federal funds) to provide two 2-Way Radios for Civil Defense and emergency purposes and to be placed in the Public Works Department trucks.

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow \$7400.00 for the purchase of a suitable rubber-tired, front end loading tractor. The repayment of the loan to be accomplished out of regular budget accounts over a period of several years.

15. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow the sum of \$1800.00 to replace the  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton Dodge pickup truck of the Water Department with a suitable one-ton Dual wheel dump truck. The present  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton Dodge pickup to be transferred to the Public Works Department and the Public Works  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton Dodge pickup to be traded for the new truck.

16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Public Works Department to purchase a Used Austin-Western Model 40 Power Street Sweeper, on a rental-purchase basis; funds to be taken from regular budget appropriations.

17. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to place a street light at the corner of West Street and Osgood Road. (By Petition)

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 to repair Ball Hill Road, from Melendy Road to Brookline line. (By Petition)

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate

# WARRANT

the sum of \$3000.00 to extend the sewer on North Street approximately 577 feet to the Amherst line. (By Petition)

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2800.00 for the construction of a new sanitary sewer in Spruce Street, from Laurel Street 700 feet westerly to Wheeler Street. (By Petition)

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6400.00 to extend the sewer on Union Street, approximately 1050 feet, southerly from the existing man-hole at Nichols and 400 feet in Mooreland Street, westerly from Union Street. (By Petition)

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6400.00 to extend the sewer on Souhegan Street approximately 800 feet easterly from an existing man-hole on Souhegan Street to Amherst town line and also 490 feet north-erly on Border Street to the Amherst town line. (By Petition)

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3900.00 to reconstruct the roadway on Jones' bridge, to be used in conjunction with \$1100.00 already available .

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$613.00 (1/100th of 1% of the valuation of the Town) to the Monadnock Region Association of Southern New Hampshire for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the Town, in cooperation with the other thirty-seven towns of the Monadnock Region.

25. To see if the Town will vote to make an exception for the portion of Riverview Street that lies westerly of Laurel Street, relative to the Town Ordinance requiring 40 feet of width for the acceptance of a Town Street.

26. To see whether the Town will take any action relative to the conduct of business by Hawkers and Peddlers on the streets of Milford on Memorial Day.

27. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

ERNEST J. DURANT,  
A. WALLACE WILKINS,  
CHARLES P. HAYWARD,  
*Selectmen of Milford.*





REVENUE — estimated and actual, in 1954 and estimated for 1955 . . . .

EXPENDITURES — for 1954 (showing income and total available), and proposed expenditures (and income) for 1955.  
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## SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
(Other Than Shown With Approp.)			
From State:			
Interest & dividends tax	\$6653 29	\$6692 95	\$6692 95
Railroad tax	361 56		
Savings bank tax	464 78	475 93	475 93
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood and timber	1000 00	1195 34	1000 00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Business licenses & permits	250 00	256 75	250 00
Dog licenses	900 00	991 76	900 00
Interest received on taxes	1000 00	1118 18	1000 00
Motor Vehicle permits & fees	12000 00	17720 17	16000 00
Municipal Court:			
A. Fines and forfeits	1000 00	789 04	750 00
Water Dept., int. on notes	1011 36		931 51
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll taxes—Regular at \$2	3000 00	3074 00	3000 00
National bank stock taxes	826 50	818 70	818 70
Cash:			
Surplus	9923 70	6151 63	6151 63
Earmarked:			
Civil Defense	\$ 447 20		
Jones Bridge	1100 00	Hydrant	600 00
Industrial Committee	500 00	Parking Meter	6672 85
Health Dept.	600 00		
			<hr/> \$9920 05

# Purpose of EXPENDITURES

**Current Maintenance Expenses:**

## General Government:

Election & Reg. Expenses	\$ 560 00		\$ 560 00	\$ 501 10	\$ 260 00		\$ 260 00
Municipal Court Expenses	1100 00		1100 00	1060 00	1100 00		1100 00
Public Works Administration	5250 00	\$ 5432 48	10682 48	10929 92	11310 00	\$ 5730 00	5580 00
Town Hall and Other							
Buildings — Expenses	7000 00	4946 00	11946 00	10403 50	11800 00	4800 00	7000 00
Town Officers — Expenses	7850 00	79 39	7929 39	7833 66	8382 40		8382 40
Town Officers — Salaries	5600 00		5600 00	5600 00	5600 00		5600 00
Protection of Persons & Property:							
Civil Defense	80 18	419 82	500 00	52 80	500 00	447 20	52 80
2-Way Radio	1200 00		1200 00	1045 59			
Fire Department:							
A. Regular	8600 00	214 63	8841 63	8834 62	10700 00		10700 00
B. Hydrant (Oval)	600 00		600 00		600 00	600 00	
Hydrant Rental							
A. Milford Water Dept.	2760 00		2760 00	2760 00	2760 00		2760 00
B. Wilton Water Works	180 00		180 00	180 00	180 00		180 00
Police Dept.	12700 00	320 01	13020 01	12969 59	12700 00		12700 00
Police Cruiser	850 00		850 00	709 74			
Health:							
Garbage Collection	1225 00		1225 00	1207 00	1225 00		1225 00
Health Department	750 00		750 00	63 50	1350 00	600 00	750 00
Sewer Maintenance	1000 00		1000 00	413 64	1000 00		1000 00
Town Dump	500 00		500 00	605 18	1000 00		1000 00
Vital Statistics	160 00		160 00	126 50	150 00		150 00

## Health:

<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>									
Highway Maintenance	15000 00	2328 39	17328 39	21295 76	14550 00	2450 00	12100 00		
Oiling	6000 00	1347 29	7347 29	7571 72	7100 00	100 00	7000 00		
Snow Removal	9000 00	97 72	9097 72	775 31	9100 00	100 00	9000 00		
Street Lighting	8253 00		8253 00	8092 14	8334 96		8334 96		
Town Road Aid — App. A	738 55	553 83	1292 38	4921 60	5592 82	4863 32	729 50		
Town Road Aid — App. B.						4630 00	Article		
<b>Libraries:</b>	8461 61		8461 61	8461 61	12057 00		9245 00		
<b>Public Welfare:</b>									
Old Age Assistance	9000 00	872 81	9872 81	8915 70	9000 00		9000 00		
Town Poor	3500 00	554 38	4054 38	4664 75	4100 00		4100 00		
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>									
Memorial Day	425 00		425 00	396 82	425 00		425 00		
<b>Recreation:</b>									
Parks and Playgrounds									
A. Regular	1500 00	25 00	1525 00	1566 18	1500 00		1500 00		
B. Swimming Pool	1800 00	129 92	1929 92	1929 92	1800 00		1800 00		
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>									
Cemeteries	1500 00	5589 58	7089 58	7085 37	6900 00	5200 00	1700 00		
Information Booth	310 00		310 00	310 00	300 00		300 00		
<b>Unclassified</b>									
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	300 00		300 00	300 00			Article		
Community House	200 00		200 00	200 00			Article		
Damages and Legal Expenses	250 00		250 00	220 00	250 00		250 00		
Employees Retirement	3434 70		3434 70	3478 36	4117 36		4117 36		
Insurance	4374 59		4374 59	4453 23	4186 05		4186 05		
Police Pension	135 00		135 00	187 20	187 20		187 20		
Tax Map Revision	250 00		250 00	158 75	250 00		250 00		
Park'g Meter Fd., bal. Jan. 1, '54		2582 90							
Income 1954		\$10177 34	\$12760 24	\$6087 39	\$12260 00		\$10000 00		
Earmarked Income							6672 85		
							<u>\$16672 85</u>		

Purpose of  
EXPENDITURES

Interest:		Approp. Previous Year 1954	Income Previous Year 1954	Total Available Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1955	Estimated Income Ensuing Year 1955	Recommend. Approp. . Ensuing Year 1955
Long Term Notes								
A. Other Than Water		819 88		819 88	819 88	506 95		506 95
B. Water Department		1011 36		1011 36		931 51		931 51
Temporary Loans		700 00		700 00	543 75	800 00		800 00
Outlay for New Construc-								
tion and Permanent Improve-								
ments:								
Highways and Bridges:								
New Equipment								
A. Jones Bridge		Earmarked		1100 00		1100 00	1100 00	
B. One-Ton Dump Truck		1800 00		1800 00	1799 90			
C. Highway Garage		1747 46	3562 54	5310 00	5310 00			
Sewer Correction		1000 00		1000 00	538 55	1000 00		1000 00
Nashua Street Sewer		Earmarked		15106 19	15106 19			
Sidewalk Construction		1500 00		1500 00	395 03	1500 00		1500 00
Town Construction								
A. Park St. Sewer		2000 00		2000 00	2000 00			
B. Union St. Sewer		1500 00		1500 00	1500 00			
C. Highland Avenue		9200 00		9200 00	9198 82			
Indebtedness:								
Long Term Notes								
Water		4500 00		4500 00	4500 00	4500 00		4500 00
Other Than Water		18400 00		18400 00	18400 00	10000 00		10000 00
Payments to Other Govern-								
mental Divisions:								
County Taxes		24414 21		24414 21	24414 21			
Payments to School Dist.		175146 76						



## COVER PICTURE

Probably no building has such a fascinating story, or one so interwoven with the history of Milford over a century and three quarters, as the edifice shown on the cover of this year's Town Report — Eagle Hall.

The handsome white clap-boarded structure is on the east side of Union Square, facing toward the common. But it was not always here. It was built as the town meeting house in 1784 — that's 170 years ago — on what is now the common. Then in 1847 it was moved across the street to where the Information Booth now stands in the summer. It faced south.

Again in 1870, this perambulating structure was moved, this time to its present and probably permanent location.

Built as a town meeting house, it was also used as the town church. When in 1833, the Congregationalists offered to buy the building for \$500, the Town Meeting nearly accepted, but the motion was lost by two votes!

The belfry of Eagle Hall once contained a clock with faces on four sides, and a fine bell cast by Paul Revere, a gift to the town from Perkins Nichols of Boston. The bell and clock were later moved to the town hall belfry where they now count the hours.

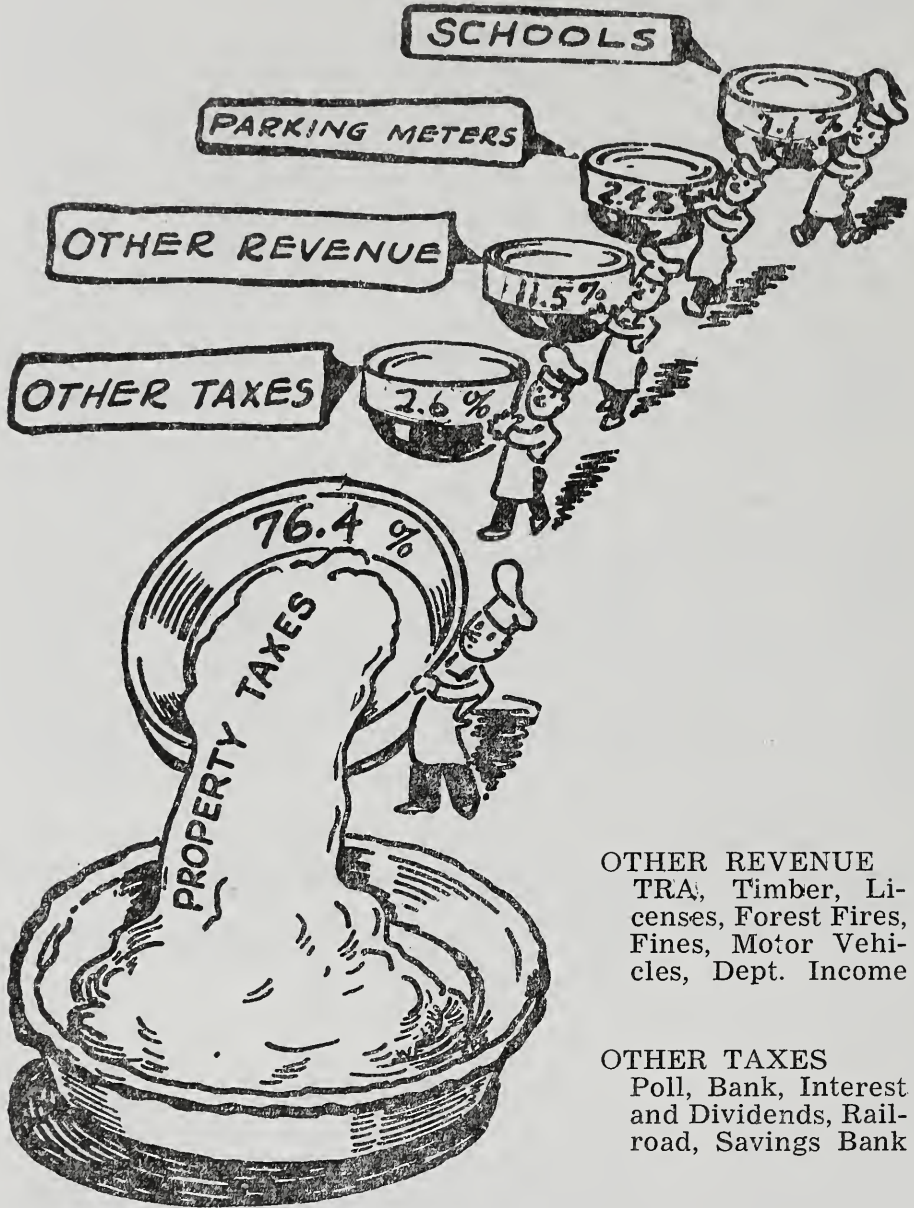
And now we come to the most unusual feature of Eagle Hall — the big bird at the very top, poised with wings spread as if to soar over Union Square. Said to be carved from a single block of wood, the huge bird has been on his perilous perch for over 100 years, weathering sun and rain, ice and snow and several hurricanes.

Eagle Hall is now owned by Custos Morum Lodge of Odd Fellows. This lodge, incidentally, this year celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding.

—Photo by William B. Rotch

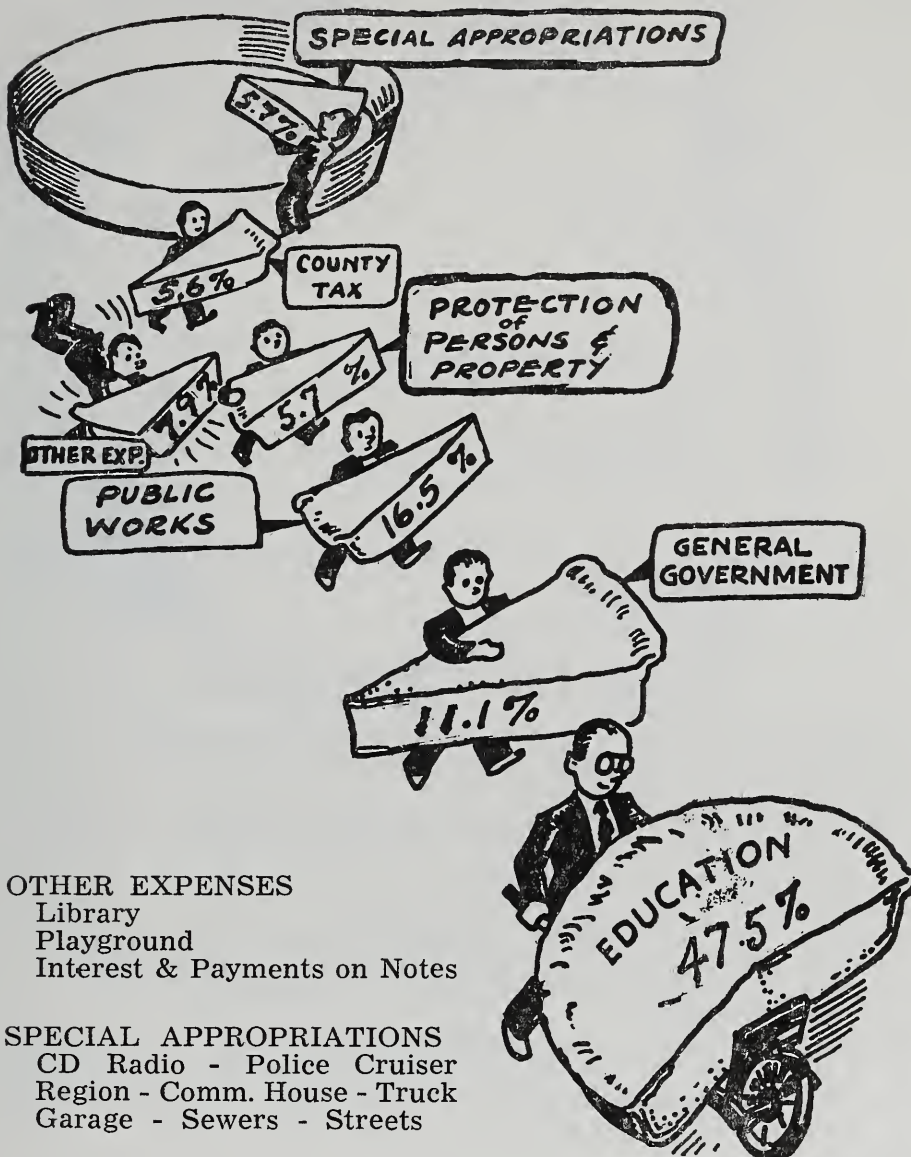
# Make-up of the Town Pie

(Sources of income.)

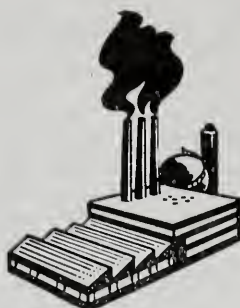


# WHO ATE THE TOWN PIE

(Town and School Expenditures)



## What the Town's Worth



Lands and Buildings	\$4,396,339.00
Electric Plant	294,918.00
Horses, 40	2,515.00
Cows, 609	49,740.00
Other Neat Stock, 25	1,725.00
Sheep and Goats, 23	230.00
Fowls, 16,104	9,782.00
Chinchillas, 6	210.00
Mink, 600	6,000.00
Boats	875.00
Portable Mills	8,250.00
Wood, lumber	1,625.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	14,540.00
Stock in Trade	796,510.00
Mills and Machinery	731,071.00
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	\$6,314,330.00
Soldiers' Exemptions (already subtracted from above)	\$305,176.00
Poll Taxes (1848 at \$2.00)	\$3,696.00

## What the Town Owns

Town Hall, land and buildings — Furniture and equipment  
 Library, land and buildings — Furniture and equipment  
 Fire Department, Equipment  
 Highway Department, lands and buildings including new garage —  
     Equipment  
 Parks, commons and playgrounds  
 Water supply  
 Schools, lands and buildings — Equipment  
 Smalley-Souhegan Co., Cutts land 1 1/3 acres, Brookline road.  
 Frank T. Lang, Queen Quarry, Brookline road, and land on  
     Brookline road.  
 Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds:  
     1/4 interest in undivided Moore pasture of 35 acres, Fred H.  
     Melendy heirs; 1/4 interest in undivided Moore pasture, Ruby M.  
     Holt; 1/12 interest in Moore pasture, Albert Melendy.

**1954 Tax Rate—\$5.30 per hundred**





- BALANCE SHEET
- RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
- TOWN TREASURER
- TOWN CLERK
- TAX COLLECTOR

# **BALANCE**

## **ASSETS**

<b>Cash</b>	
In hands of treasurer	\$90,073 36
<b>Unredeemed Taxes:</b> (from tax sale on account of)	
(b) Levy of 1953	1,300 67
(c) Levy of 1952	1,233 03
(d) Previous Years	842 65
<b>Uncollected Taxes:</b>	
(a) Levy of 1954	45,017 80
(b) Levy of 1953	225 12
(c) Levy of 1952	8 00
(d) Previous Years	614 50
(e) State Head Taxes — Levy of 1954	2,090 00
(f) State Head Taxes — Previous Years	90 00
	<hr/>
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$141,495 13
<b>Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)</b>	16,071 68
	<hr/>
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$157,566 81
Net Debt — December 31, 1953	\$37,176 51
Net Surplus — December 31, 1954	\$16,071 68
Decrease of Debt	\$21,104 83

# **SHEET**

## **LIABILITIES**

### **Accounts Owed by the Town:**

#### **Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations:**

Jones Bridge	\$ 1,100 00
Industrial Committee	500 00
Civil Defense	447 20
Health Department	600 00
Special Hydrant	600 00
Parking Meter Reserve Fund	6,672 85

Due to School Districts: Balance of Appropriation 75,146 76

### **Long Term Notes Outstanding:**

#### **Bonds Outstanding:**

Water Extension	52,500 00
West Street Water — Garage — Trucks	20,000 00

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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$157,566 81</b>
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$157,566 81</b>
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# *Receipts*

## Current Revenue:

### From Local Taxes: (Collected and remitted to Treasurer)

Property Taxes — Current Year — 1954	\$290,599 25
Poll Taxes — Current Year — regular	
at \$2 — 1954	3,074 00
National Bank Stock Taxes — 1954	818 70
Yield Taxes — 1954	703 50
State Head Taxes at \$5 — 1954	9,960 00
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$305,155 45
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes — Previous Years	38,985 53
Poll Taxes — Previous Years — Regular at \$2	542 00
State Head Taxes at \$5 — Previous Years	1,850 00
Interest received on Taxes	1,118 18
Penalties on State Head Taxes	211 00
Tax sales redeemed	6,803 24

### From State:

For Highways and Bridges:	
(a) For Town Road Aid	\$1,292 38
Interest and dividends tax	6,692 95
Railroad tax	475 93
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of	
Growing Wood and Timber	1,195 34
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	872 81

### From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	991 76
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	256 75
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	789 04
Rent of town property	4,946 00
Income from departments	1,205 55
Income from parking meters	10,177 34
Income from municipal water dept.	5,250 00
Registration of motor vehicles,	
1953 Permits	261 03
Registration of motor vehicles,	
1954 Permits	17,459 14
Total Current Revenue Receipts	----- 406,531 42



**Receipts Other than Current Revenue:**

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$75,000 00	
Abatements — Head Taxes	400 00	
Oiling	1,347 29	
Cemeteries	5,589 58	
Highway maintenance	2,328 39	
Town poor	554 38	
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	-----	85,219 64
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Total Receipts from All Sources		\$491,751 06
Cash on hand January 1, 1954		116,609 48
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GRAND TOTAL		\$608,360 54

## *Payments*

**Current Maintenance Expenses:****General Government:**

Town officers' salaries	\$ 5,600 00
Town officers' expenses	7,833 66
Map revision	158 75
Election and registration expenses	501 10
Municipal court expenses	1,060 00
Expenses town hall and other bldgs.	10,403 50

**Protection of Persons and Property:**

Police department	12,969 59
Parking meters—operation & maintenance	6,087 39
Fire department, including forest fires	8,834 62
Public Works administration	10,929 92
Bounties	9 50
New cruiser	709 74
Insurance	4,453 23
Civil Defense	52 80
Radio equipment	1,045 59

**Health:**

Health department	63 50
Vital statistics	126 50
Sewer maintenance	413 64
Town dump and garbage removal	1,812 18

## *Payments*

### Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid apportionment	738 55
Town Road Aid	4,931 60
Town Maintenance (Summer \$21,295.76) (Winter \$7,775.31)	29,071 07
Street lighting	8,092 14
Oiling	7,571 72

### Libraries:

Libraries	8,461 61
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### Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	8,915 70
Town poor	4,664 75
Community House	200 00

### Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day	396 82
Information Booth	310 00

### Recreation:

Swimming pool	1,929 92
Parks and playgrounds	1,566 18

### Public Service Enterprises:

Wilton Water Works	180 00
Cemeteries	7,085 37
Hydrant rental	2,760 00

### Unclassified:

Damages and legal expenses	220 00
Monadnock Region	300 00
Taxes bought by town	1,805 02
Discounts, abatements and refunds	984 40
N. H. Police Retirement System	187 20
N. H. - Vermont Hospitalization Service	109 40
Employees' retirement	3,478 36

Total Current Maintenance Expenses	-----\$167,025 02
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### Interest:

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$543 75
Paid on long term notes	819 88

Total Interest Payments	----- 1,363 63
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## *Payments*

### **Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:**

Union Street Sewer	\$ 1,500 00	
Nashua Street Sewer	15,106 19	
Park Street Sewer	2,000 00	
Highland Avenue	9,198 82	
Highway Garage	5,310 00	
Sidewalk construction	395 03	
Sewer construction	538 55	
Dump truck	1,799 90	
Total Outlay Payments	-----	35,848 49

### **Indebtedness:**

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$75,000 00	
Payments on long term notes	22,900 00	
Total Indebtedness Payments	-----	97,900 00

### **Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:**

State Head Taxes paid State Treas.	\$10,166 50	
D. C. Bruce, 3% commission	343 20	
Taxes paid to County	24,414 21	
Payments to School Districts	181,226 13	
Total Payments to Other Gov. Divisions	-----	216,150 04
Total Payments for all Purposes		\$518,287 18
Cash on hand December 31, 1954		90,073 36
GRAND TOTAL		\$608,360 54

## *Town Auditors*

We certify that we have examined the items, accounts, and vouchers of the following Departments for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1954, and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, they are correct: Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Public Works, Clerk of Board of Selectmen, Treasurer — Milford Free Library, Clerk of Municipal Court, Overseer of the Poor, Treasurer — Trustee of Trust Funds.

Fire insurance policies on town properties were examined and found to be in force.

Surety Bonds covering the several Town Officers were examined and found to be in force.

The securities in the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds were examined and found to be in proper order.

LEONARD S. LORDEN,  
PAUL C. RIZZI,

Auditors.

# *Town Clerk*

## DOG ACCOUNT

478 Dogs licensed and 1 Kennel License issued from January 1, 1954 to January 1, 1955

Dr.		
6	Dogs for part of the year — 1953	\$ 6 75
245	Male dogs at \$2.00 each	490 00
59	Female dogs at \$5.00 each	295 00
160	Spayed Female dogs at \$2.00 each	320 00
8	Dogs for part of the year — 1954	13 40
1	Kennel License covering not more than 10 dogs at \$20.00 each	20 00
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		\$1145 15

Cr.		
Amount paid Town Treasurer		\$ 991 76
Dog Tags		27 59
Dog Books, Notices and Blanks		26 25
Dog License Notice — Milford Cabinet		3 75
Commission for Licensing Dogs		95 80
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		\$1145 15

## AUTO ACCOUNT

79	(1953) Auto permits issued from January 1, 1954 to April 1, 1954	261 03
2217	(1954) Auto permits issued from January 1, 1954 to January 1, 1955	17,459 14
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		\$17,720 17
2296	Auto permits issued from January 1, 1954 to January 1, 1955	
Total Amount paid Town Treasurer		\$17,720 17

DONALD C. BRUCE,  
Town Clerk of Milford.



# *Town Treasurer*

## DEBITS

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1954		\$116,609 48
Donald C. Bruce, Tax Collector:		
1954 — Poll and Property Taxes	\$293,673 25	
Head Taxes	9,960 00	
Penalties	26 50	
Interest	12 02	
Yield Taxes	703 50	
National Bank Stock Taxes	818 70	
Abatements: Head Taxes	200 00	
	-----	305,393 97
1953 and Previous Years:		
Poll and Property Taxes	39,368 41	
Head Taxes	1,850 00	
Penalties	184 50	
Interest	1,106 16	
Yield Taxes	159 12	
Abatements: Head Taxes	200 00	
	-----	42,868 19
Taxes Redeemed		6,803 24
Donald C. Bruce, Town Clerk:		
Dog Licenses		991 76
Auto Permits		17,720 17
Board of Selectmen:		
N. H. Interest & Dividend Taxes	\$ 6,692 95	
N. H. Timber Tax	1,195 34	
Savings Bank and Railroad Taxes	475 93	
Tax Anticipation Loan	75,000 00	
Swimming Pool Donation	129 92	
Permits, Licenses, etc.	256 75	
Old Age Assistance	872 81	
Town Poor	554 38	
Town Road Aid	1,292 38	
Income from Departments	581 64	
Blue Cross	109 40	
Town Office Expense	2 49	
Head Tax Reimbursement	76 90	
Parking Meters	10,177 34	
	-----	97,418 23

Public Works:

Cemeteries:

Annual Care	\$ 573 50
Grading	600 00
Opening Graves	899 50
Other	3,516 58
Highway Maintenance	2,328 39
Snow Removal	97 72
Town Buildings	4,946 00
Parks and Playgrounds	25 00
Building Inspections	135 25
Oiling	1,347 29
Water Department	5,250 00
Miscellaneous Income	47 23

19,766 46

Municipal Court

789 04

Total Debits

\$608,360 54

CREDITS

Total Orders from all Accounts — 1954	\$518,287 18
Balance on Hand: December 31, 1954	90,073 36

\$608,360 54

Balance — December 31, 1954

\$90,073 36

Deduct:

School District	\$75,146 76
Industrial Committee	500 00
Civil Defense	447 20
Health Department	600 00
Special Hydrant	600 00
Jones Bridge	1,100 00

Parking Meters:

Nashua Street App. B	\$4630 00
Unallocated	2042 85

6,672 85

85,066 81

Balance: January 1, 1955

\$ 5,006 55

H. E. TRENTINI, Town Treasurer.

# *Tax Collector*

JANUARY 1, 1955

Dr.

To 1954 Property Tax Levy	\$334,611 80
To 1954 School Tax Levy	52 63
To 1954 Bank Stock Tax Levy	818 70
To 1954 Poll Tax Levy	3,696 00
To Timber Yield Tax Levy	990 12
To Added Poll Taxes	44 00
To Interest collected since December 1, 1954	12 02
	<hr/> \$340,225 27

Cr.

By Cash Paid Town Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	\$291,220 87
Poll Taxes	3,054 00
Yield Taxes	703 50
Interest Collected	12 02
By Property Tax Abated	147 08
By Poll Taxes Abated	70 00
By Property Taxes uncollected January 1, 1955	44,115 18
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1955	616 00
By Yield Tax uncollected January 1, 1955	286 62
	<hr/> \$340,225 27

Dr.

To 1954 Head Tax Levy	12,100 00
To Added Head Taxes	150 00
To Penalties collected since December 1, 1954	26 50
	<hr/> \$12,276 50

Cr.

By Cash Paid Town Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	\$ 9,960 00
Penalties	26 50
By Head Taxes Abated	200 00
By Head Taxes uncollected January 1, 1955	2,090 00
	<hr/> \$12,276 50

Dr.

To 1953 Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1954	\$38,736 89
To 1953 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954	612 00
To 1953 Yield Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954	291 91
To Added Poll Taxes	14 00
To Interest collected during fiscal year	1,103 16
	<hr/> \$40,757 96

Cr.

By Cash Paid Town Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	\$38,641 51
Poll Taxes	542 00
Yield Taxes	159 12
Interest collected during fiscal year	1,103 16
By Property Tax Abated	23 05
By Poll Tax Abatements	64 00
By Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1955	72 33
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1955	20 00
By Yield Taxes uncollected January 1, 1955	132 79
	<hr/> \$40,757 96

	Dr.	
To 1953 Head Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954		\$2,080 00
To Added Head Taxes		60 00
To Penalties collected since January 1, 1954		184 50
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		\$2,324 50

	Cr.	
By Cash Paid Town Treasurer:		
Head Taxes		\$1,850 00
Penalties		184 50
By Head Taxes Abated		200 00
By Head Taxes uncollected January 1, 1955		90 00
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		\$2,324 50

	Dr.	
To 1952 Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1954		\$29 68
To 1952 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954		10 00
To Interest collected during fiscal year		2 52
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		\$42 20

	Cr.	
By Cash Paid Town Treasurer:		
Property Tax		\$29 68
Poll Taxes		2 00
Interest collected during the year		2 52
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1955		8 00
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		\$42 20

	Dr.	
To 1951 Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1954		\$79 50
To 1951 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954		12 00
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		\$91 50

	Cr.	
By Poll Tax Abated		\$ 2 00
By Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1955		79 50
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1955		10 00
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		\$91 50

	Dr.	
To 1950 Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1954		\$160 37
To 1950 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954		66 00
To Interest collected since January 1, 1954		48
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		\$226 85

	Cr.	
By Cash Paid Town Treasurer:		
Poll Tax		\$ 2 00
Interest collected during year		48
By Property Tax Abated		6 17
By Poll Tax Abated		2 00
By Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1955		154 20
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1955		62 00
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		\$226 85



Dr.		
To 1949 Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1954		\$146 30
To 1949 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954		84 00
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		\$230 30
Cr.		
By Poll Taxes Abated		\$ 20 00
By Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1955		146 30
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1955		64 00
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		\$230 30
Dr.		
To 1948 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954		\$70 00
Cr.		
By Poll Taxes Abated		\$10 00
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1955		60 00
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		\$70 00
Dr.		
To 1947 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954		\$62 00
Cr.		
By Poll Taxes Abated		\$12 00
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1955		50 00
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		\$62 00
Dr.		
To 1946 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954		\$80 00
Cr.		
By Poll Taxes Abated		\$12 00
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1955		68 00
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		\$80 00

Summary of Tax Sales Account — January 1, 1955

	1953	1952	1951	1950 & Prev.
Dr.				
Taxes Sold to Town —				
July 15, 1954	\$1805.02			
Unredeemed Taxes				
Jan. 1, 1954		\$3872.47	\$3470.64	\$516.03
Interest collected after sale	7.88	125.66	341.21	27.38
Redemption Costs	1.00	6.10	6.20	
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	\$1813.90	\$4004.23	\$3818.05	\$543.41
Cr.				
Remittances to Jan. 1, '55	\$ 513.23	\$2771.20	\$3023.48	\$279.23
Abatement during year				216.10
Unredeemed Taxes				
Jan. 1, 1955	1300.67	1233.03	794.57	48.08
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	\$1813.90	\$4004.23	\$3818.05	\$543.41

DONALD C. BRUCE,  
Tax Collector of Milford.

## *Town Poor*

One temporary and four regular cases were being assisted on January 1, 1954. During the year, 21 cases have been investigated and nine accepted for assistance. At present eight cases are receiving direct aid. These eight cases represent 10 people. Although, by law, no direct reduction of cost may be realized, the use of surplus foods to supplement the diet has been very helpful.

### *Income*

Appropriation January 1, 1954	\$3500 00
Reimbursements to Town	554 38
Total available	<hr/> \$4054 38

### *Expenditures*

Administration expenses	\$ 520 47
Relief payments	4128 20
Surplus foods	16 08
Total expended	<hr/> \$4664 75
Over expended	\$610 37

ROBERT C. CAMPBELL,

*Overseer of Town Poor.*

## *Parking Meters*

### *Debit*

Balance on hand January 1, 1954	\$ 2,582 90
Receipts 1954	10,177 34
	<hr/> \$12,760 24

### *Credit*

Maintenance Expenses	\$ 987 87
Middle and School Street	2599 52
Nashua Street Road Repairs	2500 00
	<hr/> \$ 6,087 39
	\$ 6,672 85
Earmarked for Apportionment "B" 1954	4,630 00
Unallocated earmarked surplus	<hr/> \$ 2,042 85

# PUBLIC WORKS

## *Ninth Annual Report*



FRANK REID, JR.  
Public Works Superintendent

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Public Works went through certain changes during 1954. Salvatore Grasso, Superintendent for the last eight years, resigned to take a position in private industry, and Frank Reid Jr. of Wakefield, Mass., was hired to replace him as Superintendent in March, at Town Meeting time. The Office Staff at this time was reduced by the resignation of the Public Works Secretary. No replacement was added at this time, and no appropriation was made for the salary of a replacement. Public Works operated short-handed until May, when it became evident that the work load in the office was heavy enough to warrant an over-expenditure in order to secure some secretarial service.



A temporary secretary was hired, part time in the summer, and in October a secretary was hired on a one-half day basis, and this arrangement now seems to be satisfactory. The total salary paid for secretarial work, which was not included in the original 1954 Budget, amounted to \$534.50. This is the reason for the \$247.44 over-expenditure in the Public Works Account.

In general, Public Works handled a variety of work in 1954. Catch basins were cleaned, streets swept, and gutters dug out. General patching, water and sewer service, supervision and laying out for the Nashua Street sewer, Park Street, and Union Street sewers; TRA Apportionment A work on the back roads, such as Ponemah Hill Road and Colburn Road. Some twelve streets were given a treatment of oil and sand. Marshall Street, Clinton Street, Willow Street, and Middle Street, School Street and Highland Avenue received a surface of Bituminous Concrete. These last named streets caused a heavy part of the work load in the Water Department, as all old water services were re-laid to the property line to avoid trouble later, through leakage in lead goose necks.

The 1955 program will generally follow the same pattern as in past years. However, an effort will be made this year to complete the Highway Oiling Program, as many streets are badly in need of maintenance, which, if not given soon, will result in the loss of pavement.

Public Works also intends this year to take over the reconstruction of Nashua Street, from the railroad track, easterly to the junction of Ponemah Hill Road. This work, originally intended to be done under State contract, must be done by the Town as the construction date tentatively indicated by the State Highway Department is so far in the future that the existing road will not stand up without major repairs until that time. This construction by Public Works with State funds and Parking Meter funds will result in a savings to the Town as Town labor and equipment can be charged against this work, and corresponding amounts will not be spent under Highway Maintenance.

With the completion of the Nashua Street project, Apportionment B money funds from the State will not be available for further reconstruction, and the Parking Meter money will then be available to be used in a program of rehabilitation for other Town streets. It will result in several streets each year being either rebuilt or re-conditioned, placing them in a satisfactory condition without the expenditure of appropriated funds.

The Superintendent has several recommendations to make with reference to Public Works equipment. The grader, trucks, and supporting equipment in the Highway Department appear to be adequate for the Town's present needs, with one or two exceptions. The Town is now paying for the rental of loading equipment, approximately \$2500 per year, and at this rate, the Town could own similar equipment in three or four years. It is not economical for the Town to continue this arrangement as the work load for the next few years appears to be at least as heavy as in the past.

No. 1. It is recommended, therefore, that the Town purchase a Front End Loader, on rubber tires, of a  $\frac{3}{4}$  yard bucket capacity, and that this piece of equipment be paid for out of regular Budget funds which are now being spent for rental of similar equipment.

No. 2. In 1954, the Road Broom broke down and the cost of repairs were found to be excessive, compared to the value of the machine, as the whole rear axle assembly and wheel suspension were so severely damaged, that a new rear unit would be necessary. Parts are not readily available as this was a mongrel piece of equipment, supplied by one manufacturer under his name, but actually built by another. As we need this equipment for the general operation of the Highway and Oiling program, either the repair of this piece of equipment or substitution of another is necessary. In respect to this program, this Department rented a Power Pick-up Sweeper for one month last year. This piece of equipment proved very satisfactory, particularly as the old Road Broom cut away from the wheel unit, can be hung from the front of the Power Sweeper, to provide both

roadside brooming and in-town pick-up sweeping. Although this machine is used, it is in excellent condition and the present price is less than the cost of replacing the old Road Broom with a new one of similar construction.

No. 3. Due to the shortage of secretarial help in the office, the substitution of an Electric Calculator type of Adding Machine, for the hand-operated one now in use, will prove to be economical. With reference to the Water Department records in particular, this machine is very important, and as it operates approximately twice as fast as the hand-operated machine, and this machine also multiplies, divides, and records the results on the tape, it is of particular importance in a small office where there is no one to check individual calculations. The cost of this machine can readily be absorbed in one or two years of constant use.

No. 4. It is also recommended, that the Public Works Department, in conjunction with the Civil Defense Unit, purchase and maintain two 2-way Radio Sets, which will work with the units already in use in the Fire and Police Department trucks. The Hurricane of 1954 showed that there was a definite need for such means of communication between all Departments and Divisions whose work is concerned with Public Safety, and there is further economy to be gained by the use of this equipment during normal operation of the Department.

I wish at this time to express my appreciation to the Office Staff, Department Workers, and Board of Selectmen, who have been most helpful to me in the operation of the Public Works Department in the last year, and to me personally as a newcomer to Milford.

## *Cemeteries*

Work in the cemeteries was hampered this year by the excessive amount of rainfall, which required additional mowing, far in excess of normal requirements. In 1954, there were more,

than 15 complete mowings of all the five cemeteries. The grass grew so fast that often a complete round of the cemeteries could not be completed before the first cemetery was in bad shape again. This resulted in many complaints that lots were not being kept mowed.

During the last year, the new Section D, constructed in 1953, was opened up and has proved to be a good investment as several lots have been sold. As an index of amount of work done, other than mowing, there were: 51 graves opened, 14 foundations prepared, 26 lots graded, and 34 graves raised. This last item of "raising graves" is a serious problem at the present time as many of these are in lots of Perpetual Care, and for which, no charge can be made. The only bright side of this problem is that by requiring vaults, instead of wooden boxes, there will not be this settlement of graves, and gradually this work will be caught up.

During this year, progress was made towards straightening out the Cemetery records, and the four sets of records which concern the Cemeteries, have been brought into agreement.

Two power mowers of the rotary type were purchased this year as replacements and have proven very satisfactory. It is proposed that an additional mower be purchased in 1955 to complete mowing requirements.

While Perpetual Care markers have been purchased and are on hand, it was not possible to place them all in position last year. It is expected that this project will be completed in 1955.

The money recommended to be appropriated in 1955 provides for General Maintenance of all five cemeteries, but does not provide money enough to catch up on a great number of Perpetual Care lots which should be re-graded. This is a serious problem and cannot be straightened out without the expenditure of a large amount of money, as the Perpetual Care Fund requirement of \$100.00 for an eight-grave lot does not at the present time return enough money in interest to properly maintain these lots.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<i>Income</i>	1953	1954
Appropriation	\$1200 00	\$1500 00
Annual Care Lots	559 00	573 50
Opening Graves	633 50	899 50
Grading Lots	489 00	600 00
Perpetual Care Interest	2596 20	2825 62
*1952 Perpetual Care Interest		
Deposited 1953	952 11	
Other Income	415 63	690 96
Riverside Lot Fund	1500 00	
Total Available Income	<u>\$8345 44</u>	<u>\$7089 58</u>

\*1954 Perpetual Care Interest  
    Deposited in 1955     \$273.95

<i>Expenditures</i>		
Labor	5796 23	5431 24
Material		245 92
Equipment Rental		724 35
Repairs		163 06
Tools		233 00
Miscellaneous	2640 96	287 80
Total Expenses	<u>\$8437 19</u>	<u>\$7085 37</u>
Over Expended Balance	\$91 75	
Unexpended Balance		\$4 21

## RIVERSIDE CEMETERY LOT FUND

	1953	1954
Cash Balance in Cemetery Book		
No. 13048, January 1st	\$2290 39	\$1004 17
Income (Sale of Lots and Interest)	238 78	547 79
Total Available	<u>\$2529 17</u>	<u>\$1551 96</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>	<u>1525 00</u>	<u>25 00</u>

Cash Balance in Savings Book		
No. 13048, Dec. 31st	\$1004 17	\$1526 96

## PERPETUAL CARE

Taken in and paid to Trustees of Trust Funds	\$5350 00	\$2450 00
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## *Highway Maintenance*

Reconstruction and general maintenance of the Town Roads was carried out as usual.

Several roads were reconstructed after the Nashua Street sewer was put in, such as: Medlyn, Riverview and Linden Streets. These streets received grading, graveling, and an oil surface. Gravel roads were graded and some brush was cut out, although this program on the back roads did not receive as much work as was needed, and it is proposed this year to give maintenance to these roads.

The various hurricanes caused considerable damage and inconvenience to the Highway program. Trees were removed and cut up where they blocked highways, and washouts had to be repaired. A stone culvert on Joslin Road washed out and was repaired by re-locating the brook and installing a new metal arch culvert. The Highway account was over-expanded last year primarily due to \$2400 of Hurricane expense, which would not ordinarily have been incurred during ordinary operation, and also of the lack of winter weather in the month of December, resulting in an under-expenditure of approximately \$1300 in the Snow and Ice Account, and a corresponding increase in the Highway Maintenance Expenditure.

211 catch basins were cleaned in the Spring, which helped greatly to cut down on the flooding of roads during an extremely wet year.

The streets in the center of the Town were swept and the gutters given a much needed cleaning. Some of the work was started by manual labor. However, it was found more economical to use a power sweeper.

Major repairs to equipment were confined to the International K 8 and the Ford F 700 trucks, which had to have their dump bodies lined with oak planking and sheet steel, and a major motor overhauling for the K 8. As this machine was not replaced in 1954, and repairs were so extensive, it is now necessary to run the truck through 1955, to get the repair value out of it as trade-in value has not materially changed.

## *Town Road Aid*

### APPORTIONMENT A

A mix-in-place surface was placed on three-tenths of a mile of Ponemah Hill Road, southerly from the Amherst town line. This project was done in conjunction with similar work done by the Town of Amherst. Colburn Road was widened, graveled, culverts added, and a sub-grade prepared for a distance of 56/100 of a mile. This road will be surfaced with a mix-in-place treatment under 1955 money. Several projects still remain under this program.

The gravel portion of Melendy Road should be widened and the curve eliminated, and surfaced, as this work, with that done on Colburn Road, will result as a more convenient School Bus route. Armory Road and Osgood Road should also receive a seal coat in 1955.

### APPORTIONMENT B

Since 1951 Town Road Aid has been sub-divided into Apportionment A for Class V roads and Apportionment B for Class IV roads. The Town of Milford, in 1954, was to take advantage of Apportionment B, but due to the State Highway Department failing to let the Nashua Street contract out for Bids, the Apportionment B money, allocated from the Parking Meter fund, has been earmarked for 1955.

## *Oiling*

Considerable work was done under this program and the following streets were given a light application of Oil and Sand as a surface treatment:

Linden Street	600 feet	Oak Street	1900 feet
Riverview Street	500 feet	Orange Street	500 feet
Olive Street	900 feet	Union Street	1000 feet
Laurel Street	600 feet	Ford Street	700 feet
Shepard Street	300 feet	Knight Street	1600 feet
Lincoln Street	600 feet	George Street	1000 feet
		King Street	1100 feet

In addition to streets given surface treatment, several streets were in such bad shape, that mere re-surfacing would have been a waste of money, and some Oiling money, in conjunction with Highway Maintenance funds, was used to re-construct and re-surface the following streets with a Hot Top surface: Willow, Marshall, and Clinton Streets. Willow and Marshall Streets were completely re-constructed and have a 2½ inch Bituminous Concrete surface, which should give many years of maintenance free service.

Clinton Street was merely re-surfaced with approximately 1½ inch of Hot Top; the prime purpose of which was to give a smoother surface to ride on, which should be relatively maintenance free, although Clinton Street is not expected to last as long as the streets completely re-constructed.

## *Sidewalks*

Very little work was done on this appropriation, due to the heavy work load under other accounts. Two short sidewalks were re-surfaced, one in front of the Caesar Marco home on Nashua Street, the other in front of the Baptist Church on South Street. These were done by local contractors, in conjunction with work done on private property. Additional sidewalk work was done on Highland Avenue at the property of Oliver Carleton, Harland Holt, Willard Head, John Richardson, and Ralph Johnson.

The expected work load for 1955, however, will be such, that the full \$1500 appropriated should be spent. Some of the proposed locations include various sidewalks in the business district, around the Town Hall, and the south side of the Oval, as these are in bad shape and could be the source of minor accidents. Several sidewalks on Highland Avenue started in 1954 will be completed in 1955.



## *Sewer Correction*

Several corrections to the sewerage system were made. Armory Road drainage was corrected near the Wright property; several catch basins were installed during the construction of Willow Street, Marshall Street, Linden Street and Riverview Street.

## *Sewer Maintenance*

Several sewers were cleaned and stoppage in services and mains were opened where needed. Little work was done under this appropriation due to a heavy service construction work load for the Water Department, and in 1955, a regular program of Sewer Cleaning should be initiated to catch up on this work.

## *Parks and Playgrounds*

Work on Parks and Playgrounds this year was confined to minimum maintenance, which consisted in the most part of mowing Endicott Park, Shepard Park, and the Oval. Some reconstruction work was done to Shepard Park where posts were placed to keep traffic off the grass, and the "diamond" from time to time was re-graded.

While the appropriation of \$1500 would normally be adequate to properly take care of all our Parks and Playgrounds, a large portion of this money is spent each year for the preservation and trimming of our shade trees, particularly those on the Oval. As this usually amounts to approximately one-third of the appropriation, it makes it difficult to give Parks and Playgrounds adequate maintenance within the usual appropriation.

Some work was done this year at the new playground area near the Pumping Station on South Street. A great deal of work still remains unfinished at this location because of the poor condition of the original grounds.

# *Town Hall and Other Buildings*

## TOWN HALL

In addition to the operation and regular maintenance of this building, there were some improvements and emergency repairs. The improvements included the following:

a. Slate was removed from the West portion of the Town Hall roof and replaced with heavy asphalt shingles.

b. One window of the main hall was weather-stripped, thus completing this work.

c. Emergency repairs were made on leaky radiators, and oil furnace, several door locks, roof, one main window which fell down and was shattered, repairs to cell block, and women's detention room. Repairs and improvements will be necessary each year. The replacement of slate roof is being continued. Correction of the heating system is vital and the improvement of this system will have to be carried out in small sections of approximately \$600 per year, which will allow the gradual development of a simple zone heating system.

## OTHER BUILDINGS

Early in 1954, construction of the New Town Garage was completed and has proven to be a very satisfactory improvement over the former conditions, particularly with reference to winter work on snow and ice. The old salt shed has been reconstructed and made into a more suitable building for the storage and handling of salt. The remaining buildings should be kept in repair and maintained until such time as they serve no further useful purpose and some disposition can be made of them.

## *Garbage*

On April 3, 1953, a contract with Donald K. Holt was made for the collection of garbage, and will continue for a period of five years at the rate of \$1200.00 annually. We are now in the third year of this contract, and the collections are being made under a regular schedule of two weekly collections in the summer and one weekly collection in the winter.

## *Emerson Land*

	1953	1954
Souhegan National Bank Savings Book No. 18271		
Cash Balance January 1st	\$314 17	\$318 90
Income (Interest)	4 73	8 03
	-----	-----
Total Availbale	\$318 90	\$326 93
<i>Expenditures</i>	00	00
	-----	-----
Cash Balance, December 31st	\$318 90	\$326 93

## *Information Booth*

Information Booth on Union Square was again operated under supervision of the Public Works Department. James Race was in charge of this booth which operated from July 1st to September 4th, and after this date, on weekends to October 12th. This latter weekend work was done gratis by Mr. Race, as many other Information Booths throughout this area were operating during this time.

The Booth serviced 15,742 persons, representing 7,485 cars, from 48 states, Canada, and Europe. The State Planning and Development Board, the Monadnock Region, and several other sources provided literature and maps with which the Booth operated.

## *Building Inspection*

<i>Permits Issued</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Approx. Cost</i>	<i>Fee</i>
New Dwellings	18	\$110,600.00	\$ 77.75
Additions and Alterations to Dwellings	10	14,750.00	16.00
Garages — Private	8	3,950.00	8.00
New Non-residential Buildings	4	234,200.00	14.50
Additions and Alterations to Non-residential Buildings	4	13,300.00	12.00
Small Buildings	6	3,970.00	7.00
TOTALS 1954	50	\$380,770.00	\$135.25
TOTALS 1953	46	\$125,050.00	\$ 96.00

## *Snow Removal*

Very few snow and ice storms occurred during 1954, and because of this \$1322.41 was unexpended. Approximately 60 tons of salt was purchased for \$1236, and at the year's ending this supply was still intact. What little snow fell was plowed as usual by town equipment and two additional rented plows. Snow was removed from the Oval and around main streets by the Hough payloader, and then dumped into the river by the Swinging Bridge.

The new Highway Garage has been a great help when changing plows, and maintenance of equipment has been handled much more economically, by having such fine working conditions available.

## *Town Dump*

During the past year, the operation of the Town Dump has been changed slightly. New ordinances governing disposal of garbage, lighting fires, and hours of use, were enacted. The Dump grounds were re-graded so that it would be easier to dump trash directly over the edge, and fill was brought up from the pit to keep the side face and top of the dump covered.

These operations carried out over the whole year will mean an increase in the amount of money required, as in 1954, the Dump account was over-expended, and the changes in operation were in effect only after the last six months of the year.

## *Special Activities*

### NASHUA STREET SEWER

The Nashua Street Sewer was constructed this year under contract, by Ralph Payne of Keene, N. H. Work consisted of 5200 feet of 12 inch, 10 inch, and 8 inch pipe, laid in Linden Street, Riverview Street, Nashua Street and Medlyn Street. This sewer discharges into the river off the end of Linden Street. The old outlet at Shepard Street has been abandoned, and the other sewerage is now connected to the new line via Riverview Street. After sewer construction was completed, Linden Street, Riverview Street, Medlyn Street were re-constructed and re-surfaced. Nashua Street, from Linden Street to the railroad tracks, had the trench re-surfaced with Bituminous Concrete and Nashua Street, from the railroad tracks to the end of the pipe line, at Lorden's, was given an oil treatment, as at that time the State intended to re-construct this portion of Nashua Street. This work has not been followed through and now appears that this trench may have to receive a permanent type surface.



## UNION STREET SEWER

Union Street Sewer was done under contract by Ralph Payne of Keene, N. H., and was extended as far as the new foundation of Nichols. It is recommended that, if this sewer is to be further extended, that the work be done as one project, as it is not economical to make 100 foot and 200 foot extensions of this line, especially as the pipe is now 10 or 11 feet under the surface of the ground.

## PARK STREET SEWER

Park Street Sewer was extended under contract by Ralph Payne of Keene, N. H., 550 feet of eight inch pipe through an undeveloped, but accepted street. However, the owners of the land assured the Selectmen and the Public Works Department that some building would take place during 1954, and at the present time, there is at least one cellar foundation at this location.

## MIDDLE STREET SURFACE

Middle Street was partly re-constructed and totally re-surfaced by Town forces with money from the Parking Meter Fund. The base on Middle Street was found to be good gravel, and therefore a surface treatment of 2½ inches of Bituminous Concrete was placed. Considering the base under this road and the thickness of the surface, it is expected that this road will last for a considerable length of time without major maintenance. The School Street portion of this project was reconstructed before surfacing as the grade of the road was changed.

## HIGHLAND AVENUE SURFACE

Highland Avenue's re-construction was voted as a special Article in 1954, and the sum of \$9200.00 was received for this work. At the last annual Town Meeting, the Superintendent stated that he did not know whether \$9200.00 would do the

job or not, but that the work would continue as long as the money would hold out. Fortunately, after examining the base under Highland Avenue, it was found that with two exceptions, the road had failed due to lack of maintenance, rather than lack of foundation. Therefore, the unsuitable portions were excavated, graveled, the old surface scarified, re-graded, and rolled to a true grade. Then a 2½ inch surface of Bituminous Concrete was placed, giving a finished width of 20 feet. The lower portion of Highland Avenue at Grove Street, was widened by the acquisition of several feet of land from Julian Tarbell, and the old wall was re-cut and re-built by Nick Riccitelli.

### JONES BRIDGE

No work was done under this appropriation in 1954 as the price for treating timber for replacement ran so high that there was not enough money available to do this job in one or two sections. After investigating the possible type of surfacing for this bridge, it was felt that it would be better to wait until 1955 and request an additional sum of money, so that a Steel Decking, similar to that manufactured by Armco Company, could be placed and then treated with Bituminous Concrete to fill the corrugation so that the result would be a smoother, more durable surface which would last for many years.

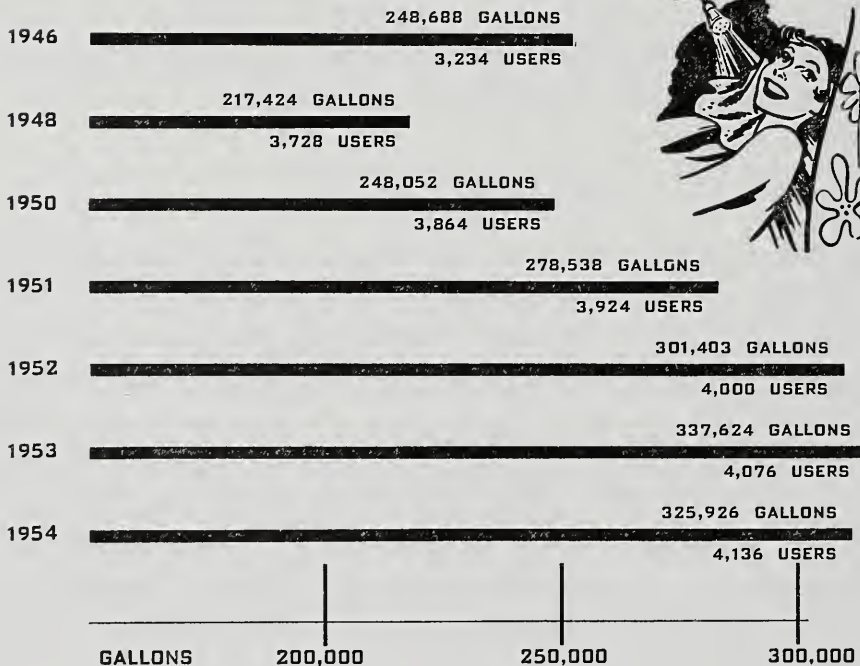
### HYDRANT ON OVAL

This hydrant was not placed during 1954. A special gate must be cut into the existing line, in order to economically install this hydrant. It was difficult with the past year to coordinate our work load with that of Pennichuck Water Works, who own the necessary equipment. Arrangements were made late in December to complete this work. However, weather conditions forced the Pennichuck Water Department to cancel the arrangements. It is expected, however, that this hydrant will be placed early in 1955, as soon as it is practical to excavate in the street. It is recommended that this be earmarked for 1955.

## Water Department

The Milford Water Department's physical well-being must be considered at this time. Considering the present operation of the Pumping Station, the age and condition of the Distribution System, and the quality and quantity of supply, it is apparent that if the Town of Milford wants a water of good quality delivered in such a manner that we have adequate supply for domestic use and proper fire protection, some major improvements to the present system must be considered.

### AVERAGE DAILY WATER USAGE 1946-1954



In conjunction with this, the Water Advisory Committee and the Superintendent of the Public Works have requested and received estimates from several consulting engineers, information as to the cost of an over-all survey of the Water Department problems, and requirements of the Town over a long period of time. The engineering report would include the following items:

Population and growth estimate

Water consumption

Quantity used at present

Future requirements

Present sources

Capacity

Condition

Yield

Cost of Operation

Required additional water supply

Consider alternate methods of further developing or expanding the present supply

Possible new or additional water supply or supplies

Quantity

Quality

Cost of operation

Present distribution system

Plan

Present flows available for fire protection

Present conditions of mains as determined from flow tests

Required new mains to meet the requirements for domestic and fire protection purposes



## Storage

Present storage facilities

Investigation of problem of filling the Standpipe at the north, which is rated at 500,000 gallons, that can be filled only to about 400,000 gallons without overflowing the Standpipe at the south

Required additional storage, if any

## Estimates of cost

Cost of construction divided for a program of development

Cost of maintaining and operating supply works

## Effect of improvements on water rates and/or taxation

It is recommended by the Selectmen, Advisory Committee, and Public Works Department that the money requested in the 1955 annual Town Meeting be appropriated to provide this survey, so that any expenditure in the next few years to increase the supply, improve the quality, and supplement the distribution system, will not be money wasted.

## WATER SERVICES

The Water Department had a busy year in 1954 with relocation and replacement of old services, particularly with respect to lead goose necks. Such streets as South Street, Highland Ave., Lincoln Street, Willow Street, School Street, Border Street, Middle Street, had all the old services replaced to property lines before the new surface was placed. Several of the lead goose necks were found to be defective when excavated, and would have caused trouble if they had not been replaced. The construction of the Nashua Street Sewer under contract to Ralph Payne of Keene, N. H., resulted in 25 sewer services being laid. Total services, water and sewer, equalled 120 with approximately 50 of these being combinations of water and sewer.

## EXTENSIONS

Spruce Street: 320 feet of six inch cast iron pipe was laid under a guaranteed water extension agreement in Wheeler and Spruce Streets.

Mooreland Street: A short extension of 120 feet of six inch asbestos cement water pipe was laid under a guaranteed water extension agreement.

## EQUIPMENT

The only equipment recommended this year for the Water Department will be that of replacement for the 1948 Dodge  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton pick-up truck. With the added work load, particularly with reference to sewer services, it is felt by the Superintendent that a truck similar to the one-ton dump truck, purchased for the Highway Department last year, provided with a shorter dump body, and having a tool box behind the cab, would be more satisfactory. This type of equipment will be more useful for the present department than the service body on the  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton chassis. The present truck is five years old and the body is beginning to need repairs, and it now appears to be the most economical time to change.

## RECORDS

The necessary Engineering and Financial records are being kept up-to-date. In the past year, little has been accomplished toward catching up on work done prior to 1946, as little information is available pertaining to that period. As each individual research problem occurs, some work is done, but it will be a considerable length of time before we can say that we have a good, accurate, up-to-date record system for the Water Department.

# STATISTICS

## *Gallons of Water Pumped*

	1953	1954
January	8,606,000	9,377,000
February	7,917,000	8,898,000
March	9,584,000	10,201,000
April	9,126,000	9,905,000
May	8,968,000	10,119,000
June	11,856,000	11,118,000
July	12,856,000	10,637,000
August	12,589,000	10,587,000
September	11,547,000	8,989,000
October	10,527,000	9,567,000
November	10,067,000	9,952,000
December	9,590,000	9,952,000
Totals	123,233,000	118,963,000
	1953	1954
Average Gallons Pumped Per Day	337,624	325,926
Maximum Day		
July 29	624,000	
August 25		511,000
Minimum Day		
February 27		79,000
December 20	149,000	
Consumers (estimated)	4,076	4,136
Services December 31st	1,019	1,034
Services Repaired	12	5
Services Renewed	15	57
Hydrants December 31st	137	137
Water Main Feet Added	1,268	440

## SUMMARY OF TAX RATE FOR 1953 AND 1954

	<i>1953</i>	<i>1954</i>
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Total Valuation	\$6,372,649.00	\$6,619,506.00
Veterans' Exemptions	289,418 00	305,176.00
Total Taxable Valuation	6,083,231.00	6,314,330.00
Total Appropriations	364,919.82	386,267.30
Revenue	42,508.58	51,607.81
Total Amount to be Raised —		
Property Taxes	322,411.24	334,659.49
Amount to be Raised —		
Property Taxes		
a. Town Meeting	161,185.11	159,512.73
b. School Meeting	161,226.13	175,146.76

## BREAKDOWN OF TAX RATE IN DOLLAARS

	<i>1953</i>	<i>1954</i>
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount</i>
TOWN MEETING		
County Taxes	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.06
Fire Department	1.08	1.08
Library	1.00	1.06
Other	7.63	10.00
Police Department	1.51	1.70
Public Works Regular	7.26	6.46
Public Works Special	4.87	1.90
TOWN MEETING	26.50	25.26
SCHOOL MEETING	26.50	27.74
TOTAL TAX RATE PER \$1,000	53.00	53.00



**MILFORD WATER WORKS  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 1954 AND DECEMBER 31, 1953**

	Dec. 31, '54	Dec. 31, '53	Increase or Decrease
<b>Plant Assets</b>			
Land	\$ 6,435.48	\$ 6,435.48	
Structures, Pumping Station	7,115.52	7,115.52	
Water Supply Equipment	39,289.05	39,289.05	
Pumping Station Equipment	23,326.35	23,326.35	
Purification Equipment	28,046.52	28,046.52	
Distribution Mains	215,634.19	214,889.89	\$ 744.30
Services	5,047.57	5,047.57	
Hydrants	10,125.01	10,125.01	
Meters	21,511.65	19,842.27	1,669.38
Garage Equipment	2,394.00	2,394.00	
Other Distribution Expense	3,409.37	3,409.37	
Other Equipment	9,490.03	9,161.73	328.30
	<u>\$371,824.74</u>	<u>\$369,082.76</u>	<u>\$2,741.98</u>
<b>Current and Inventory Assets</b>			
Cash	\$ 1,988.39	\$ 2,293.50	*\$ 305.11
Materials — Supplies	9,126.38	8,978.29	148.09
Current Receivables	7,523.54	5,701.32	1,822.22
	<u>\$ 18,638.31</u>	<u>\$ 16,973.11</u>	<u>\$1,665.20</u>
Miscellaneous Prepaid Accounts	2,540.72	3,614.28	*1,073.56
Total	<u>\$393,003.77</u>	<u>\$389,670.15</u>	<u>\$3,333.62</u>
<b>Capital Liabilities</b>			
Municipal Investment	\$179,840.55	\$175,340.55	\$4,500.00
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Notes Payable	52,500.00	57,000.00	*4,500.00
<b>Reserves</b>			
Reserve for Depreciation	173,072.53	166,082.62	6,989.91
<b>Profit and Loss</b>			
Profit and Loss	*12,409.31	*8,753.02	*3,656.29
Total	<u>\$393,003.77</u>	<u>\$389,670.15</u>	<u>\$3,333.62</u>
*Decrease			

**MILFORD WATER WORKS  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1954**

**Income**

Commercial Sales		\$27,289.14
Hydrant Rentals		2,800.00
Merchandise Sales — Job Work	\$10,826.60	
Cost of Merchandise Sales — Job Work	10,308.91	
	-----	517.69

Total Income ----- \$30,606.83

**Water Supply Expense**

Supervision	\$1,750.00	
Source of Supply — Expense	197.34	
Pumping Station — Labor	4,788.98	
Pumping Station — Supplies	611.70	
Pumping Station — Repairs to Equipment	263.06	
Purification — Wages	936.10	
Purification — Supplies	149.42	
Power — Electricity & Diesel	2,671.67	
Repairs to Water Supply Structures	876.76	
	-----	12,245.03

**Distribution Expense**

Supervision	\$1,750.00	
Repairs to Services	936.10	
Repairs to Hydrants	1,448.42	
Repairs to Meters	27.75	
Repairs to Mains	3,588.77	
Other Distribution Expense:		
Meter Department — Wages	468.05	
Commercial Supplies & Expense:		
Meter Reading Salaries	622.92	
Other Distribution Expense —	1,986.58	
	-----	10,828.59

**Other Expense**

Office Salaries	\$1,750.00	
Office Supplies and Expense	914.31	
Telephone	146.75	
Commissioner's Salary	125.00	
Garage and Truck Expense	252.17	
	-----	3,188.23

Interest Paid 1,011.36

Total Expenditures Before Depreciation ----- 27,273.21

Profit Before Depreciation \$ 3,333.62

Depreciation 6,989.91

Loss After Depreciation \*\$ 3,656.29

\*Decrease

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Comparative State of Appropriations and Expenditures of Departments under  
Milford Public Works for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Name	Appropriation	Cash Credits	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended	Balances Overdraft
Cemeteries	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,589.58	\$ 7,089.58	\$ 7,085.37	\$ 4.21	
Garbage	1,225.00		1,225.00	1,207.00	18.00	
Highway Maintenance	15,000.00	2,328.39	17,328.39	21,295.76		\$ 3,967.37
Highway Oiling	6,000.00	1,347.29	7,347.29	7,571.72		224.43
Information Booth	310.00		310.00	310.00		
Parks and Playgrounds	1,500.00	25.00	1,525.00	1,566.18		41.18
Public Works Administration	5,250.00	5,432.48	10,682.48	10,929.92		247.44
Sewer Correction	1,000.00		1,000.00	538.55		461.45
Sewer Maintenance	1,000.00		1,000.00	413.64		586.36
Snow Removal	9,000.00	97.72	9,097.72	7,775.31		1,322.41
Sidewalk Construction	1,500.00		1,500.00	395.03		1,104.97
Town Buildings	7,000.00	4,946.00	11,946.00	10,403.50		1,542.50
Town Dump	500.00		500.00	605.18		105.18
Highland Avenue	9,200.00		9,200.00	9,198.82	1.18	
Middle Street	2,500.00	2,500.00**	2,500.00	2,599.52		99.52
Park Street Sewer	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Union Street Sewer	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		
Nashua Street Sewer		15,106.19	15,106.19	15,106.19		
Nashua Street Road Repairs		2,500.00**	2,500.00	2,500.00		
Jones Bridge		1,100.00	1,100.00		*1,100.00	
Oval Hydrant	600.00		600.00			***3,629.22
Apportionment A, T.R.A.	738.55	553.83	1,292.38	4,921.60	4,630.00	
Apportionment B, T.R.A.		4,630.00**	4,630.00			
Totals	\$64,823.55	\$46,156.48	\$110,980.03	\$107,923.29	\$11,371.08	\$ 8,314.34
				3,056.74		3,056.74
			\$110,980.03	\$110,980.03	\$11,371.08	\$11,371.08

\*Earmarked for 1955

Jones Bridge

Oval Hydrant

T.R.A. Appor. B

\$1,100.00

600.00

4,630.00

Total Earmarked

\$6,330.00

Net Unexpended Balance

1954 T.R.A. money received in 1955

Available Balance

Earmarked for 1955

Returned to General Fund

\$3,056.74

3,629.22

\$6,685.96

6,330.00

\$ 355.96

\*\*Received from Parking Meter Fund

\*\*\*Expended 1954, but received payment 1955



# PROTECTION of Persons and Property



*Photograph by Bernice B. Perry*

Chief Williamson tries out new Civil Defense radio, now in use by Civil Defense, Police and Fire Departments.

## **Reports of**

- POLICE
- FIRE DEPARTMENT
- MUNICIPAL COURT
- CIVIL DEFENSE



## *Fire Department*

The department answered 75 calls during 1954, of which 16 were bell alarms, three were brush fire calls, and 56 were still alarms.

### *Service Record:*

Grass and Brush Fires	13
Chimney Fires	16
Automobile	2
Building	10
Town Dump	9
False Alarms	2
Rescue and Emergency	4
Mutual Aid Calls	3
Smoke and Fire Investigation	3
Electrical Equipment	2
Air Compressor	1
Hot Ashes	1
Railroad Ties	2

### *Fire Loss and Other Details:*

Number of hours Department was in service	43
Brush fire loss and grass	About 3 acres
Fire loss covered by insurance	\$4629.00
No. of feet of ladders raised	565
No. of Company drills	36
No. feet 2½ inch hose laid	6700



### *Manual Force and Apparatus:*

Engine No. 1 – 1949 American LaFrance	500 g.p.m. Pumper
Engine No. 2 – 1953 American LaFrance	500 g.p.m. Pumper
Engine No. 3 – 1940 Dodge	500 g.p.m. Pumper
Engine No. 4 – 1929 G.M.C. American LaFrance	500 g.p.m. Pumper (Reserve)

Ladder No. 1 – G.M.C. Providence

Combination 150 g.p.m. Pumper

We carry 1400 gallons of water ready for immediate use.

### *Forest Fires:*

With a combination of a rainy spring season and early notification of smoke noticed we were able to confine our brush and grass fire loss to approximately three acres. We urge your continued cooperation in reporting suspicious smoke or fire immediately.

### *Fire Prevention:*

A study of fire exposures in buildings around the Square was made at company meetings as part of the training program. We again bring to your attention the law requiring inspection and permits on all new oil burner installations.

### *New Equipment:*

During the past year the Arthur L. Keyes Memorial Trust gave the Fire and Police Departments a new 14-foot unsinkable boat equipped with oars. Included with the boat are two Mae West jackets and one Life Saver, with 100 feet of rope, for which we are very grateful.

This equipment may be used in an emergency by both the Fire and Police Departments.

Plans are under consideration to have the boat mounted on our 1929 G.M.C. Pumper, and use that as an emergency vehicle.

Through the Civil Defense, and the Milford Civic Club Committee on Radio, we have been able to have three short wave radios installed in our fire trucks.

One Walkie-Talkie in the No. 2 Pumper.

One Mobile Unit in the No. 1 Pumper.

One Mobile Unit in the No. 3 Brush Truck.

These sets have already been used to a good advantage by our department, and also in connection with the Police Department.

*Recommendations:*

We recommend that the budget be increased by \$2100 to cover an increase in salary of \$100 for the Chief and \$50 for each regular member of the department.

*Appreciation:*

We wish to express our thanks for the splendid cooperation and interest of the department personnel who have spent many hours training and fighting fires.

We wish to thank the State, regular and auxiliary police, Telephone and Public Service companies, Public Works, Selectmen's office, and all who assisted throughout the year.

PAUL N. HUTCHINSON,  
EDGAR A. NORWOOD,  
RAYMOND A. DYER,

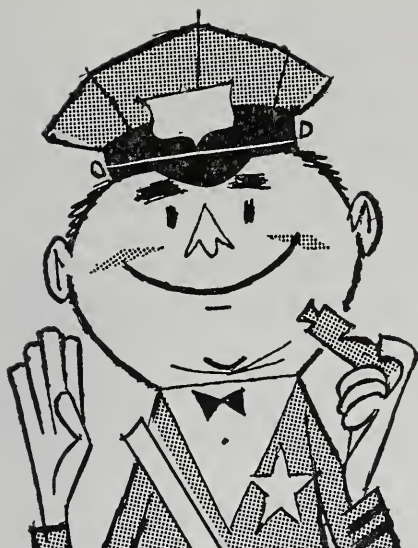
*Board of Firewards.*

*Financial Statement*

	Approp.	Income	Total Avail.	Expended	Balance
Fire Dept.	\$8600.00	\$241.63	\$8841.63	\$8752.54	\$89.09
Forest Fires				82.08	7.01

*Detail:*

Steward	\$ 356 90
Station Supplies	89 25
Operating Expense	459 77
Labor at Station	125 15
Fire Prevention	56 41
Alarm System	459 64
Telephone	166 58
Pay Roll	4884 14
New Equipment	1982 75
Miscellaneous	171 95
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	\$8752 54



## *Police Department*

It gives me pleasure to report that we have had no fatal motor vehicle accident the past three years.

### TRAFFIC SCENE

Traffic accidents	104
Persons injured	23

As curiosity seekers we stop to witness the horrible and bloody results of a traffic accident — learn no lesson from it, return to our cars and go whizzing away.

Excessive speed is a killer, so is driving while intoxicated, weary or ill.

Violation of the rules of the road is a prelude to disaster, so is gross carelessness and the willful abuse of highway etiquette.

Only by a personal commitment to care, caution, and control can be hope to reduce traffic accidents.

### AUXILIARY POLICE

I wish to thank Auxiliary Chief Angelo Bernasconi and his men for the assistance rendered to the community whenever they were needed.

They have rendered valuable service during our Civil Defense alerts, during parades and other special occasions.

## SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL

No finer method of teaching the elements of safety and the principles of good law-abiding citizenship can be found than that given to members of the guardians of the crosswalks. Training in leadership and responsibility is a valuable by-product of the Safety Patrol.

It is an accepted fact that the least number of accidents happen at the school crossings where a member of the Safety Patrol is on the job.

I wish to express my gratitude to the school authorities and members of the student traffic patrols for their generous cooperation in the school Safety Patrol program.

## BICYCLES

During the past year 362 bicycles were licensed in accordance with the Town Bicycle Ordinance.

I have found the parents and children very cooperative regarding the bicycle ordinance.

## JUVENILE PROBLEMS

We had four juvenile petitions as compared with six petitions the preceding year. Other juveniles involved in investigations remained nearly the same as the preceding year. I believe we are fortunate in this respect compared with larger communities where the juvenile delinquency problem has grown at an alarming rate.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the presiding Justice and associate Justices of the Milford Municipal Court for the aid and cooperation given me this past year. I am also grateful to the Fire Chief and members of the department for the assistance they have given me and the Police Department. I wish to express my gratitude also to other town officials for their help throughout the year. I am grateful for the splendid cooperation of the State Police with this department, and for the generous assistance given by the two State officers living in Milford.

OLIVER G. WILLIAMSON, *Chief.*

## AUTOMOBILE INVESTIGATIONS

Auto accidents reported and investigated	104
Allowing improper person to operate	1
Driving after revocation of license	3
Driving under influence	6
Disobeying police officer	2
Driving unregistered motor vehicle	5
Driving over yellow line	7
Driving after right had been denied	1
Driving after license expired	3
Driving after suspension of license	1
Defective equipment	1
Failing to stop at stop sign	5
Failing to report accident	1
Failing to keep right	2
Failing to have license and registration on person	1
Leaving scene of accident	1
Motor vehicle violation warnings given	170
Misuse of registration plates	1
Negligent operating	6
Reckless operating	3
Rotary violation	1
Speeding	41
Violation of Town Traffic Ordinances	10

## OTHER INVESTIGATIONS

Assaults	6
Attempted burglary	1
Aid rendered	23
Articles reported lost	61
Articles returned to owner	26
Articles held for safe-keeping	66
Amount of lost money returned to owner	\$197.47
Assistance rendered at fires	12
Burglary	4
Bicycles reported missing	4
Brawling	2
Contributing to delinquency of a minor	1
Complaints received	710
Deaths investigated	4
Disorderly conduct	8
Drunk	12
Doors found unlocked	181
Delinquent dog taxes for collection	48



Dogs reeovered for owners	19
Dog complaints	106
Dead cats	11
Investigations for other departments	18
Indecent exposure	1
Juvenile petitions	4
Juvenile investigations	23
Juveniles questioned in connection with complaints	24
Kindling fire without permit	1
Larceny investigations	14
Lewd and lascivious behavior	1
Lodgers	20
Lights out in business places	44
Malicious damage	3
Mental cases	3
Miles travelled	27,000
Missing persons	4
Non-support	3
Offenders held for other departments	11
Offensive language	2
Police escort by request	214
Road hazards reported	19
Street lights out	135
Safekeeping	28
Suppression of disturbances	14
Sunday licenses distributed	35
Summons issued	95
Throwing rubbish on highway	1
Vacant house inspection	11

#### PARKING METERS

Parking meters in operation	119
Meter collections made	51 times
Money taken to Bank	51 times
Meter forfeits	1085
Parking meters found out of order from	
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954	338

## *Civil Defense*

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Milford's Civil Defense organization is in a healthy condition as proved by the recent statewide tests.

The time and effort expended by those public spirited men and women of our town is greatly appreciated, as an efficient organization is only as strong as the spirit of those who serve.

Milford was honored by Governor Hugh Gregg for its efficient organization by receiving a certificate of commendation.

During the recent hurricanes your Director and several of the Unit Leaders were on duty at headquarters, and in communication with the Civil Defense Headquarters in Concord, in order to be ready for any emergency that might develop and for the speedy mobilization of the whole organization.

The Civil Defense Radio that the Town Meeting of 1954 voted has proved itself to be of great value, not only to Civil Defense, but to the Police and Fire Departments as well. It is my hope that this medium of communication be enlarged to include all Town Departments, so that during any emergency all Departments will operate as one.

Once again may I remind you that the Ground Observer Corps is a great disappointment to me, as it is practically impossible to operate this phase of Civil Defense. If this condition persists it will be necessary to suspend this operation.

May I again extend my heartfelt thanks to all who in any way have contributed to the success of Milford Civil Defense.

DAVID DEANS, Jr.,  
*Local Civil Defense Director.*

## *Municipal Court*

CHARLES B. SULLIVAN, *Judge*

ARTHUR B. ROTCH, *Associate Justice*

FLORENCE M. SWEENEY, *Clerk*

Court sessions are held Friday evenings throughout most of the year. There were 159 local cases during 1954, plus cases brought by state officers. Local cases are included in the report of the Chief of Police.

Payments to court officials and the clerk were:

Charles B. Sullivan, Judge	\$600.00
Arthur B. Rotch, Associate Justice	110.00
Florence M. Swecney	350.00

The clerk's financial report follows:

### *Receipts*

Fines	\$1602 00	
Civil entries and writs sold	12 70	
Entry fees, Small Claims Court	214 90	
	-----	\$1829 60

### *Disbursements*

State of New Hampshire:

Motor Vehicle Dept., fines	\$782 10	
Labor Department	13 50	
	-----	795 60
Witness fees	9 36	
Cabinet Press, printing	10 00	
Postage and envelopes	49 40	
Secretary of State, Justice's commission	10 00	
J. Albert Lynch, Special Justice	10 00	
Charles B. Sullivan, expenses to conference	11 30	
Florence M. Sweeney, Clerk,		
Small Claims Court	28 25	
Charles B. Sullivan, Justice,		
Small Claims Court	113 00	
Kittredge & Prescott, telephone	3 65	
Paid H. E. Trentini, Treas. Town of		
Milford, N. H., balance for 1954	789 04	
	-----	\$1829 60



## *Report of Librarian*

By Alice E. Ames, *Librarian*

WADLEIGH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Our admonitions of last year were seriously interpreted in 1954 for our promised "diet" for Bookworms circulated to 33,481 vitamins, showing an increase of 2,350 over 1953 figures.

We are happy over this increase and hope this added use of the library indicates that more people have benefited by the services at their disposal.

The following activities have been an important part of the library year: Adult Art Week in February, Junior Art Week in May, Summer Reading Club (known as Bookworm Reading Club), Poetry Hour, Book Week in November, and the winter season of Story Hours. All of these have proved successful and brought many children and adults to the library. Again this year the Elementary grades visited the library during Book Week. Those helping us with some of these activities were Mrs. Richard Mesle, Mrs. LaVern Ells, Mrs. Edward Thane, Mrs. David Deans, Mrs. Paul Northrup, Jean Odell, Betty Whitten and Mr. and Mrs. William B. Rotch.

During 1954 635 books were added to the library collection, 60 of which were from sources other than the town appropriation and our regular invested funds.

In the fall a gift of \$50.00 was received from Mrs. R. E. Parkhurst, to be used for children's books in memory of her aunt, Miss Mary E. Pettee. This was an unexpected gift making

it possible to have more children's books for which we are grateful.

During 1954 we had a re-registering of borrowers, thus bringing our records of library patrons up to date.

The Great Books Group is still enjoying the use of the library hall for meetings every two weeks. They are now in their third year under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Gordon, now assisted by Andrew Rothovius.

Collections of books have been sent to the schools, Home for Aged and Grange. Some of the Kindergarten children have been entertained at the library. The State Library has been a great assistance to us when material of a specialized nature has been needed.

The following are the names of those who were responsible for gifts of books, magazines and exhibit material and to whom we express our appreciation: Mr. Winthrop Wood, Mr. Cecil Stinson, Mrs. Vernon Holt, Mrs. Frank Plante, Mrs. John Philbrick, Mr. William Merrill, Mr. Robert Kelly, Mrs. Elwin Cutts, Miss Susan Turner, Mrs. Glenn Wilson, Mrs. Lucy Cushing, Mr. A. V. Phillips, Mrs. Han Weisse, Mrs. Carroll Chase, Mr. Arthur Rotch, Mrs. Edward Romney, Mrs. Louis Stickney, Mr. Philip J. Potter and Mrs. R. E. Parkhurst.

A library, like any thriving business, should have proper means of advertising. We had two new helps in this direction this past year. The Milford Garden Club invited the library to have an exhibit of garden and nature books on display at their Flower Show in June. The Cabinet has always been an instrument of advertising but we hope the people of Milford have found the weekly New Books section an added service. We, the library staff, are grateful to Mr. William B. Rotch for his generosity in giving to the town a regular opportunity for learning of new books at the library.

Mrs. Richardson attended the Summer Institute for library workers and two of the librarians were present at the Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Library Association.

I wish to express my thanks to Miss Ruth French, Mrs. Ruth Richardson, Mr. Edward Mitchell and the Library Trustees for their faithful and willing assistance during 1954.



No report would be quite complete without some thought for the future. It is the wish of your library staff that you be served better and more efficiently in the year ahead. May you find, in 1955, with the help of your library, what Clarence E. Flynn calls

### A GREAT DAY

A great day is a day when someone flings  
 A brave new banner high against the blue,  
 Or opens a new road to better things;  
 And for a great day, any day will do.  
 Whoever has the vision and the skill  
 Can make this a great day, if he will.

ALICE E. AMES, *Librarian.*

## *Library Resources*

Bound Volumes	Adult	Juvenile	Totals
Beginning of year 1954	15,901	3,426	19,327
Added by purchase	355	220	575
Added by gifts	26	34	60
	16,282	3,680	19,962
Discarded	103	25	128
Totals at end of 1954	16,179	3,655	19,834
Total Circulations of Books and Periodicals			33,481
Registered Borrowers	1,270		
New Borrowers 1954	277		
Total Borrowers as of 1954			1,547

### Number of Books and Periodicals Used by Classification:

	Adult	Juvenile
General Works	3,682	158
Philosophy	241	10
Religion	255	77
Sociology	391	375
Philology	32	16
Natural Science	330	377
Useful Arts	658	298
Fine Arts	574	136

Fiction	13,328	5,736
Literature	778	1,859
Geography and Travel	1,051	250
Biography	1,373	889
History	487	120
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	23,180	10,301

## *Library Treasurer*

December 31, 1954

### *Receipts*

Cash on hand January 1, 1954	\$ 876 12
Town of Milford Appropriation	8,461 61
Interest on Trust Funds	1,303 29
Donation from A. L. Keyes Trust Funds	200 00
Rebate on books purchased	5 77
Balance of Librarian's Petty Account	529 00
Cash received by Librarian:	
Reimbursement for books purchased	
for town borrowers	\$146 72
Histories sold	20 00
Receipts from lost and discarded	
books	6 60
Rent of Library Auditorium	79 00
Use of Library by out-of-town	
borrowers	34 75
Use of phone	2 93
Fines	500 09
Mary Pettee Fund	50 00
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	840 09

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\$12,215 88

### *Disbursements*

Salary of Librarian	\$2,485 95
Salary of Assistant Librarian (1st)	2,090 04

Salary of Assistant Librarian (2nd)	900 28
Books purchased	1,356 05
Periodicals	159 95
Binding	58 05
Janitor's salary	2,095 17
Janitor's supplies	188 83
Water	20 75
Telephone	131 96
Electricity	238 54
Librarian's supplies	117 76
Postage	3 00
Flowers	11 25
N. H. Library Association dues	5 00
Servicing oil heater	160 32
Repairs and replacements	34 85
Labor on power mower	17 85
Fuel oil	488 38
American Library Association dues	6 00
Milford Historical Society, proceeds from histories	20 00
Cash paid by Librarian:	
Supplies	\$ 47 47
Page service and sundry expenses	163 04
Librarian's expenses to Summer	
School and Annual Meeting	38 98
Books purchased from Pettee Fund	50 00
Special Activities:	
Summer Reading Club and	
Book Week	11 60
Paid Treas. balance of Petty Account	529 00
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	840 09
Balance on hand December 31, 1954	785 81
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	\$12,215 88

BENJAMIN F. PRESCOTT, *Treasurer.*

## *Library Trustees*

The Library Trustees have viewed with satisfaction an apparent increase in the use of the library during 1954. This is shown by increased circulation (2350 more books were circulated than in 1953) and also by use of the library for related purposes such as story hours, art and hobby exhibits and reading programs. Ultimately, of course, this is the test of the library — its usefulness to the community.

It is also pleasing to see the number of books given in memory of individuals, and money given to the library to buy books; this impresses us as a very lasting and useful type of memorial.

The library is seeking an appropriation from the town this year of \$9,245.00. This represents the difference between anticipated income and expenses, and seems to us to represent about the minimum amount needed, unless the library is to curtail its services drastically.

The budget does include an item of \$450 for painting the exterior woodwork of the building. Much of the trim around the windows and the edge of the roof is badly in need of paint. While the \$450 is a “this year only” expense, the budget will have to include such items from time to time in order to maintain our very fine building.

WILLIAM B. ROTCH, *Chairman*  
MISS MURIEL B. YOUNG,  
BENJAMIN F. PRESCOTT.

# SPECIAL REPORTS

## *Planning Board*

ERNEST J. DURANT, *Chairman*

FRANCIS J. LORDEN

LAWRENCE E. BILLINGS

JOSEPH M. SILVA

PAUL C. RIZZI

During the past year the Planning Board has had seven meetings, and worked on the following projects:

1. A study of the traffic problems with a recommendation that a Traffic Committee be appointed by the Selectmen.
2. Recommendations were made to the Selectmen in regards to drastic improvement of local detention room facilities.
3. Recommendations also made to the Selectmen were:
  - a. Disposal of the old town barns.
  - b. More lighting for the School Street Parking Area.
  - c. A study be made of our water works. (Mr. Reid attended the September meeting and discussed both sewer and water needs.)
  - d. To make available maps or description of lands owned by the town for the use of the Planning Board.

Mr. Wilkins, speaking for the Selectmen, told the Planning Board they should be concerned about future planning rather than immediate planning. He also said that the Selectmen want the Planning Board to investigate and bring forth a master zoning plan and building code.

The board is now working on this request. We believe this may be completed in the coming year. We have joined the New Hampshire Planning and Zoning Association in the belief we will get help and guidance, and also learn more about town planning.

Paul Rizzi was appointed a member in October.



With the board now at its full membership, more progress can be expected and future planning work done.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH M. SILVA.

*Financial Report of the Planning Board*

Cash on hand, January 1, 1954	\$233 36
Withdrawal for Association membership	10 00
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Balance	\$223 36

JOSEPH M. SILVA, *Treasurer.*

*Town Garage Committee*

At the time of writing our report one year ago we advised you that the garage was completed except for the installation of the heating system and the "Pruf-Coat." These have now been finished and the building has been in full use since the completion of the heating system in March 1954.

The "Pruf-Coat" was applied by the contractor in early fall (1954) during a dry period.

The total appropriation and expenditure for the building was \$19,747.46, of which all but \$237.46 went into actual construction costs. The \$237.46 was used as follows: insurance \$125.89, advertising \$51.32, blue printing \$37.35, printing \$20.00, and incidentals \$2.90.

Your committee believes that with this report its duties have been brought to a conclusion. We appreciate the opportunity to serve and respectfully request that we be discharged.

WILLIAM A. WHIPPLE, *Chairman*,  
CHARLES P. HAYWARD,  
ERNEST J. DURANT,  
A. WALLACE WILKINS,  
CLAYTON W. CHASE,  
HAROLD D. McBRIDE,  
HAROLD S. REMICK,

*Town Garage Committee.*

## *Industrial Committee*

Since our report of one year ago your committee has held four meetings as a group. Other meetings have been held by a sub-committee. Attendance has been good and although we have not brought any new business to Milford we feel that we have made progress toward the setting up of a program whereby that goal may ultimately be reached.

Some of our members attended a second meeting at Peterborough to learn more from the State Planning and Development Commission and others have attended meetings and talked with various men for the same reason.

At present there are not any unoccupied suitable or modern buildings in Milford and to induce manufacturers to become interested and to locate here it appears that more than just an Industrial Committee is needed. We are therefore giving considerable time, thought and study to the possibility of forming an Industrial Development Foundation.

At this time when practically all cities and most large towns have Foundations, with competition to get new industry so very keen, it appears that this must be the procedure here if Milford desires to attract additional and varied manufacturing. Meanwhile your committee stands ready to do all it can when and if interested parties appear.

WILLIAM A. WHIPPLE, *Chairman,*  
For the Committee.

## *Livermore Community Association*

The Livermore Community Association wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$200.00, the annual appropriation of the Town of Milford toward its maintenance.

On March 1, 1954, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hyde of Nashua were appointed custodians of the House and have been most helpful in increasing the rentals of the House by their courtesy and cooperation.

The Souhegan Community Nursing Association now occupies both the offices on the second floor, which gives them added facilities.

We urge continued use of its facilities, in order to maintain the house and grounds.

MARGARET H. HOWISON,  
*Chairman.*

# *Trust Fund Treasurer*

## DEBITS

January 1, 1954, Balance on Hand:

Unexpended Income		
Savings Account	\$4,654 71	
Checking Account	46 73	
	-----	\$4,701 44
Unexpended Principal		
Savings Account	\$1,507 76	
Checking Account	2,655 21	
	-----	4,162 97
		-----
		\$ 8,864 41
Income from Invested Funds		4,742 57
New Perpetual Care Funds		2,450 00
Charles S. Emerson Library Fund		524 48
Capital Gain Dividends on Investments —		
Received in Cash		431 90
		-----
		\$17,013 36

## CREDITS

Purchase of Investments		\$ 3,996 66
John G. Drayton, C.P.A.		144 57
H. C. Bowley, Supt. of Schools, Kaley		
Prize Speaking Fund		175 00
R. C. Woodman, Flowers		60 75
Milford Public Works, Perpetual Care Funds		3,099 57
B. F. Prescott, Treasurer, Wadleigh Library		
Epps Fund	\$ 459 23	
Peabody Fund	132 50	
Emerson Fund	56 50	
General Library Funds	655 06	
	-----	1,303 29
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1954:		
Unexpended Income		
Savings Account	\$4,654 71	
Checking Account	6 12	
	-----	\$4,660 83
Unexpended Principal		
Savings Account	\$1,507 76	
Checking Account	2,064 93	
	-----	3,572 69
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		8,233 52
		-----
		\$17,013 36
		H. E. TRENTINI, <i>Treasurer.</i>



# Report of the Trust Funds of the Town on December 31, 1954

## PRINCIPAL

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year
Various	Cemetery Trust Funds	Perpetual Care	Common Trust	\$78,465.00	\$2,450.00		\$1,394.82	\$82,309.82
1890	Millford Free Library Trusts	General Library Expense		5,825.32			103.61	5,928.93
1892	Ezra Gay Fund	General Library Expense		97.12			1.72	98.84
1913	Nancy Averill Fund	General Library Expense		485.45			8.61	494.06
1913	Alice Gray Fund	General Library Expense		1,116.56			19.82	1,136.38
1913	Miranda Smith Fund	General Library Expense		533.93			9.48	543.41
1922	Esther Thompson Fund	General Library Expense						
	Andrew J. and Ella J. Dutton Fund	General Library Expense		145.66			2.58	148.24
1931	Josephine Dayfoot Fund	General Library Expense		2,233.03			39.64	2,272.67
1934	Hannah E. Webster Fund	General Library Expense		485.45			8.61	494.06
1945	James Day Fund	General Library Expense		5,922.46			105.33	6,027.79
1953	Annabell C. Secombe Fund	General Library Expense		1,000.00			17.88	1,017.88
	Charles S. Emerson Library Fund	Library Books		1,535.47	524.48		27.36	2,087.31
1942	Minnie G. Epps Fund	Library Books		12,452.29			221.45	12,673.74
1937	Frank E. Kaley Prize Speaking Fund	High School		5,047.48			89.84	5,137.32
1938	Alice M. Wilkins Cemetery Fund	Care of Lot		2,498.98			44.37	2,543.35
1907	Dorcas & Mary Peabody Fund	Children's Room, Library		3,331.14			59.05	3,390.19
				\$121,175.34	\$2,974.48	00.00	\$2,154.17	\$126,309.99

# Report of the Trust Funds of the Town (continued)

## INCOME

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year		Expended During Year	Balance End Year
				Per Cent	Amount		
Various	Cemetery Trust Funds	Perpetual Care	\$4,492.47	3.79	\$3,117.23	\$2,954.99	\$4,654.71
Various	Milford Free Library Trusts	General Library Expense	00.00	3.79	220.85	220.85	00.00
1890	Ezra Gay Fund	General Library Expense	00.00	3.71	3.67	3.67	00.00
1892	Nancy Averill Fund	General Library Expense	00.00	3.72	18.37	18.37	00.00
1913	Alice Gray Fund	General Library Expense	00.00	3.72	42.25	42.25	00.00
1913	Miranda Smith Fund	General Library Expense	00.00	3.72	20.20	20.20	00.00
1913	Esther Thompson Fund	General Library Expense	00.00	3.72	5.51	5.51	00.00
1922	Andrew J. and Ella J. Dutton Fund	General Library Expense	00.00	3.72	84.49	84.49	00.00
1931	Josephine Dayfoot Fund	General Library Expense	00.00	3.72	18.37	18.37	00.00
1934	Hannah E. Webster Fund	General Library Expense	00.00	3.72	224.52	224.52	00.00
1945	James Day Fund	General Library Expense	00.00	3.75	38.13	38.13	00.00
1953	Annabell C. Secombe Fund	General Library Expense	00.00	2.79	58.34	58.34	00.00
	Charles S. Emerson Library Fund	Library Books	00.00				
1953		Library Books					
1942	Minnie G. Epps Fund	Library Books	1.98	3.73	472.11	474.09	00.00
1937	Frank E. Kaley Prize Speaking Fund	High School	(4.19)	3.72	191.34	181.03	6.12
1938	Alice M. Wilkins Cemetery Fund	Care of Lot	203.21	3.88	98.72	301.93	00.00
1907	Dorcas & Mary Peabody Fund	Children's Room, Library	7.97	3.79	128.47	136.44	00.00
			\$4,701.44	3.75	\$4,742.57	\$4,783.18	\$4,660.83

# Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of the Town of Milford on December 31, 1954

No. of Shares or Other Units	HOW INVESTED DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT (Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds, etc.)	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				
		Balance Beginning Year	ADDITIONS		Proceeds From Sales	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
			Purchases	Capital Gains						
	Manchester Savings Bank — Common Principal Account No. 204660	\$ 1,507.76				\$ 1,507.76	00.00	\$ 48.99	\$ 48.99	00.00
	Manchester Savings Bank — Common Income Account No. 193844	4,654.71				4,654.71	00.00	150.68	150.68	00.00
3	Milford, N. H., Bldg. & Loan Assoc.	600.00				600.00	00.00	15.00	15.00	00.00
488	Boston Fund, Inc.	11,970.32		\$120.15		12,090.47	00.00	335.42	335.42	00.00
711	Century Shares Trust	10,520.88		168.60		10,689.48	00.00	348.39	348.39	00.00
555	Chemical Fund, Inc.	12,616.65				12,616.65	00.00	482.85	482.85	00.00
720	Eaton and Howard Balanced Fund	11,904.09		265.58		12,169.67	00.00	437.72	437.72	00.00
609	Fidelity Fund, Inc.	11,523.86				11,523.86	00.00	600.43	600.43	00.00
585	George Putnam Fund	11,863.15				11,863.15	00.00	438.75	438.75	00.00
907	Incorporated Investors	10,423.20		210.00		10,633.20	00.00	390.01	390.01	00.00
566	Massachusetts Investors Trust	11,837.84		115.68		11,953.52	00.00	577.32	577.32	00.00
975	National Investors Corporation	12,522.44		525.36		13,047.80	00.00	405.06	405.06	00.00
699	Nation-Wide Securities Co. Inc.	11,229.94		221.10		11,451.04	00.00	467.70	467.70	00.00
181	Massachusetts Investors Growth Stock Fund, Inc.		\$3,996.66	95.80		4,092.46	00.00	44.25	44.25	00.00
		\$123,174.84	\$3,996.66	\$1,722.27		\$128,893.77	00.00	\$4,742.57	\$4,742.57	00.00
	Principal Funds Invested	\$118,520.13				\$124,239.06	00.00	\$4,591.89	\$4,591.89	00.00
	Income Funds Invested	4,654.71				4,654.71	00.00	150.68	150.68	00.00
		\$123,174.84	\$3,996.66	\$1,722.27		\$128,893.77	00.00	\$4,742.57	\$4,742.57	00.00

# Vital Statistics



## BIRTHS

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Baby's Name</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
Jan. 8, Manchester	Beverly	Arthur Noon	Josephine Florek
Jan. 13, Nashua	Raymond W., Jr.	Raymond W. Gagnon	Olga Guerino
Jan. 16, Nashua	Richard	Edward DuGray, Jr.	Dorothy Young
Jan. 17, Nashua	Gail	Carroll Hall, Jr.	Cecile Parent
Jan. 19, Nashua	Bruce	Paul Young	Virginia Hendrickson
Jan. 20, Nashua	JoAnn	Gilbert Marshall	Dorothy Hall
Jan. 20, Goffstown	John	Elmer Paige	Lucille Foote
Jan. 30, Manchester	Elizabeth	Roy Upham	Aurie Duplin
Feb. 2, Peterboro	Rae Carol	William W. Russell	Helen Irwin
Feb. 10, Nashua	Kathy-Jo	Joseph Horan	Mary Hewitt
Feb. 11, Nashua	Betty	Theodore Kellerberg	Elaine Wilson
Feb. 16, Goffstown	James C., Jr.	James C. Nutting	Mary Brown
Feb. 20, Nashua	Joseph A.	Joseph Calderara	Pauline Givani
Mar. 5, Nashua	Sandra	Wilfred Thibodeau	Leona Buxton
Mar. 6, Nashua	Douglas	James Day	Jeannette Stonehouse
Mar. 6, Nashua	Janet	Sebastiano Crisafulli	Eunice Vercontaie
Mar. 15, Manchester	Gail	Paul Fessenden	Mary Smith
Mar. 24, Nashua	Sharon	Arnold Tucker	Pauline Guertin
Apr. 1, Nashua	Cort	Anders Hansen	Evelyn Duerschmidt
Apr. 6, Nashua	Katherine	John Bellew	Claire Rossi
Apr. 7, Nashua	Brenda	William Payne	Virginia Carter
May 6, Manchester	Michael	Richard Wadleigh	Janet Aspinwall
May 7, Manchester	Marjorie	Ray Proctor	Mary McCaffrey
May 11, Nashua	Linda	Norman Farrell	Julia Maloon
May 12, Nashua	Carl	George Chappell	Pauline Bassett
May 20, Nashua	Peter	Donald Stimson	Jeanette Carpentiere
May 24, Nashua	Frederick	Charles Clegg	Rose Cause
May 28, Nashua	Mary-Jane	Stanley Trombly	Miriam Shepherd
May 28, Nashua	Richard	William Stancombe	Theresa Pepin
June 7, Nashua	David	Robert Hutchinson	Lepha Davis
June 20, Nashua	Deborah	Ernest L. Barrett, Jr.	Mildred Law
June 29, Goffstown	Catherine	Perry Smith	Regina Hoyt
June 30, New London	George	George Cilley	Marjorie Rand
July 3, Nashua	Steven	Chester Douglas	Roberta Howe
July 5, Nashua	Richard	Nicola Riccitelli	Marie Rose Leblanc
July 11, Nashua	Charles S., Jr.	Charles S. Brown	Madelyn Graves



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<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Baby's Name</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
July 13, Nashua	Dirk	John Drew	Elsie Noyes
July 17, Manchester	Lynne	Robert Chartier	Arlene Call
July 26, Nashua	Pamela	Philip Shattuek	Madeleine Watson
Aug. 3, Nashua	Mark	Philip Smith	Glenice Paananen
Aug. 3, Milford	Ralph	Herbert Leach	Elizabeth Fournier
Aug. 4, Nashua	Thomas	Jack Gallagher	Irene Fournier
Aug. 5, Nashua	Stephen	Harold Richardson	Rita Leduc
Aug. 7, Nashua	Sherry	Harold Blake	Barbara Robinson
Aug. 14, Nashua	Jackie Lynn	John Jarest	Marilyn Dupell
Aug. 17, Nashua	Ronald	John Walker	Shirley Bishop
Aug. 20, Nashua	Claire	Weston Trombly	Mildred Weleh
Aug. 21, Nashua	Carol	John Weleh	Franees Baillargeon
Aug. 28, Nashua	Karen	Robert Kullgren	Barbara Holt
Sept. 7, Nashua	Walter J., Jr.	Walter J. Shea	Dorothy Marks
Sept. 8, Goffstown	Candace	Raymond Stanford	Rose Richards
Sept. 12, Nashua	Janet	Frederiek N. Jones	Jeannette Cameron
Sept. 14, Manchester	Patricia	Robert E. Smith	Jean Collins
Sept. 15, Nashua	David	Gilbert Russell	Virginia Chandler
Sept. 20, Peterboro	Raymond E.	Raymond A. Duguay	Elsie Mansfield
Sept. 27, Nashua	Timothy	Charles O'Brien	Theresa Conrad
Sept. 28, Nashua	Douglas	William S. Wright	Mary Farnum
Oct. 1, Nashua	Maureen	Walter Ruonala	Evelyn Barbour
Oct. 7, Nashua	Robert	Clarence Parker	Laura Hiekory
Oct. 11, Nashua	Steven	Walter Philbrick, Jr.	Arlene Hall
Oct. 14, Nashua	Kevin	Donald Healey	Ann Saraceno
Oct. 14, Nashua	Kenneth	Arthur Rafter	Virginia Miller
Oct. 18, Corpus Christi, Tex.	Stephanie	Richard Brown	Frances Fowle
Oct. 25, Lowell, Mass.	Donald	Emil Nilsson	Allwyn Hird
Oct. 30, Nashua	Wilfred	Eugene Harding	Mary LaChance
Nov. 4, Nashua	James	Philip Saytanides	Virginia Diekerman
Nov. 10, Nashua	Cheryl	William VonIderstine	Rita Saraceno
Nov. 30, Nashua	Carol	Theodore Matson	Edna Hall
Dec. 2, Nashua	Joleen	Joseph Cullinan	Ceeile Bergeron
Dec. 3, Nashua	Kathryn	Kendall Bennett	Bette Griffin
Dec. 9, Nashua	Colleen	Theodore Caughey	Frances Bachelder
Dec. 10, Peterboro	Nadene	Kenneth McLeod	Marguerite Reynolds
Dec. 11, Manchester	David	Alan Dearnley	Dorothy Gagnon
Dec. 11, Nashua	Nancy	Clayton Hobbs	Ida Cilley
Dec. 16, Nashua	Sharon	Stanley Mahoney	Ceeile Trombly
Dec. 20, Nashua	Barbara	Merton Smith	Helen Rockwell
Dec. 25, Nashua	Karen	Eugene Hartson	Marion Pelchat
Dec. 28, Nashua	Neil	Stanley Glover	Avis Ramsdell
Dec. 29, Nashua	Carol	Lawrence Wright	Josephine Comolli
Dec. 30, Nashua	Stephen	Lawrence Wright	Josephine Comolli



## MARRIAGES

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Name and Station of Person Officiating</i>
Jan. 1, Milford	Howard E. Greene, Jr. Barbara E. Hartson	E. M. Jones Clergyman
Jan. 6, Nashua	Jay L. Kennett, Jr. Rachel P. Morse	Alphonse J. Raudonis Justice of the Peace
Jan. 23, Milford	Hollis A. Barstow Rita A. Webster	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
Jan. 26, Milford	Joseph E. Chabot Beautrice E. French	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Feb. 13, Milford	Russell B. Kimball Alberta L. Adams	E. M. Jones Clergyman
Feb. 20, Milford	Ernest J. Medlyn Marjorie Kendall	H. W. Holder Clergyman
Feb. 21, Milford	Orson H. Bragdon, Jr. Caroline E. Paige	E. M. Jones Clergyman
Feb. 25, Milford	Thomas B. Barnes Margaret V. Murray	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Mar. 1, Milford	Lawrence R. White Iris I. Maisano	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Mar. 1, Milford	Archie W. Howell, Jr. Shirley F. Tyler	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
Mar. 12, Hollis	Ronald B. McGrath Constance M. Hodge	Charles F. Dow Justice of the Peace
Mar. 20, Milford	Robert C. Valentine Elaine F. Briggs	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Apr. 3, Milford	Richard A. Nichols Barbara H. Deans	LaVern Ells Clergyman
Apr. 10, Milford	Earl S. Keyes Ivy A. Martin	E. M. Jones Clergyman
Apr. 30, Milford	Joseph N. Lison Dorothy M. Parry	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Apr. 30, Peterboro	Roy Allen Goodwin Edith P. Cadorette	Algie A. Holt Justice of the Peace
May 7, Milford	Russell C. Balduf Priscilla M. Amadon	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
May 8, Milford	Allen W. Jowders Priscilla E. Conti	LaVern Ells Clergyman
May 15, Manchester	Dana Healey Caroline Bishop	
May 22, Milford	Robert C. Taylor Shirley I. Turner	Thomas Savage Catholic Priest
May 29, Nashua	John J. Brahaney Mary L. McKeon	John E. Pitts Catholic Priest
June 5, Manchester	Roy E. Bailey Emily M. Case	J. Kirkwood Craig Clergyman
June 12, Milford	George R. Fraser Mary A. Drew	LaVern Ells Clergyman
June 13, Milford	Charles G. Mitchell Anna M. Carr	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
June 14, Milford	Nathaniel G. Curboy Gloria S. Anderson	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
June 19, Merrimack	Alden C. Center Barbara F. Fisher	Arthur S. Westneat Clergyman

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<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Name and Station of Person Officiating</i>
June 22, Greenfield	Richard L. Taylor Elsie J. Mann	Donald S. Ewing Clergyman
June 25, Milford	Robert H. Lang Beryl E. Woods	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
July 3, Milford	Roy A. Taylor Gertrude E. Spaeth	E. M. Jones Clergyman
July 13, Mont Vernon	Robert L. LePage Arleen L. LaPalm	George D. Kittredge Justice of the Peace
July 14, Milford	Wellman J. Johndro Ruth E. Horne	Arthur B. Rotch Justice of the Peace
July 17, Milford	David R. MacNevin Marjorie P. Madsen	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
July 18, Milford	David F. Popolizio Bernice J. Kane	Arthur B. Rotch Justice of the Peace
July 30, Wilton	Arthur P. Blanchette Velma L. Fairfield	E. A. Murphy Catholic Priest
Aug. 7, Milford	Lester J. Whitcomb Ritha S. McLeod	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Aug. 7, Milford	Robert W. Jollie Ivy Harvey	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Aug. 7, Milford	Ronald M. Whitten Therese L. Putnam	E. M. Jones Clergyman
Aug. 7, Milford	Adolphus D. Cox Cynthia E. Randall	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
Aug. 21, Milford	Albert P. Zampino Helen E. White	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Aug. 28, Milford	Donald R. St. George Joan T. Gilmore	Francis Hogan Catholic Priest
Aug. 28, Brookline	Ross Jensen Doris A. McCormack	Thomas Savage Catholic Priest
Sept. 15, Milford	Walter N. Parelus, Sr. Ruth M. Heinstrom	Harold R. Andersen Clergyman
Sept. 25, Milford	Frederick T. Jepson Norma M. Saraceno	Thomas Savage Catholic Priest
Sept. 28, Milford	Gordon R. Lounsbury Mary G. Lounsbury	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
Oct. 1, Milford	William G. Wheeler Jacqueline E. Chace	Harold W. Holder Clergyman
Oct. 2, Milford	Robert H. Picardi Phyllis A. Graziadei	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Oct. 2, Milford	Benjamin W. Hammond Betty M. Ashford	Ernest M. Jones Clergyman
Oct. 12, Milford	James A. Quinno Angelina A. Calderara	Francis Hogan Catholic Priest
Oct. 14, Milford	Charles D. Phelps Antoinette A. Levesque	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Oct. 23, Milford	Edward E. Patten Barbara Jean Laurence	Ernest M. Jones Clergyman
Nov. 5, Manchester	Fred Ronald Fraser Ruth Carpenter White	Charles H. Barnard Justice of the Peace
Nov. 6, Milford	Anthony B. Gatto Irene M. Cunliffe	Francis Hogan Catholic Priest

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<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Name and Station of Person Officiating</i>
Nov. 26, Milford	Kenneth G. Pillman Pauline R. Rameau	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Nov. 27, Milford	Peter Vincent Arcangeli Rita Marie McCollum	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Dec. 23, Milford	Francis Gardner Thomas Mary Ellen Johnson	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Dec. 26, Milford	Allan Rudolph Hasu Helen May Franklin	Ernest M. Jones Clergyman

# DEATHS

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>		
		<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan. 1, Hampton	William A. Nadeau	33		
Jan. 4, Milford	Dix C. Putnam	75		
Jan. 6, Amherst	Robert E. Sanford	70	4	19
Jan. 7, Milford	Joseph N. Drago	71	1	3
Jan. 13, Milford	Anthony Crisafulli	79	6	27
Jan. 14, Manchester	Charles A. Wheeler	69		
Jan. 15, Milford	Martha Jane Knight	96	1	24
Jan. 15, Milford	Charlene M. Naimie	16	3	12
Jan. 19, Concord	Rebecca Gordon	88		
Jan. 19, Milford	John W. H. Griffiths	66	4	23
Jan. 25, Nashua	Anthony C. Prestipino	60		
Feb. 4, Goffstown	Johanna F. Hefferman	91		
Feb. 7, Nashua	Clarence W. Richardson	90		
Feb. 9, Milford	George F. Steele	74	10	24
Feb. 15, Milford	Arthur E. Comolli	54	0	9
Feb. 22, Milford	Ralph Twitchell	62	6	17
Feb. 23, Nashua	Waino Matson	69		
Mar. 8, Milford	Catherine E. St. Amand	78	9	19
Mar. 15, Milford	Perley Melvin	73	7	7
Mar. 17, Nashua	Robert A. Paterson	71		
Mar. 19, Milford	Charles H. Powell	75		
Mar. 24, Milford	Edward J. Frost	77	11	19
Mar. 26, Cambridge, Mass.	Arthur Rea	42	3	9
Apr. 10, Nashua	Abbott W. Turner	88		
Apr. 13, Milford	Elsie B. Hutchinson	75		
May 10, Andover, Mass.	Charles Trentini	77	7	14
May 10, Milford	Ida M. Emerson	80	9	24
May 13, Milford	Harriet F. Crosby	87	3	4
May 17, Milford	Stephen Carroll Coburn	87	10	21
May 28, Nashua	Everett D. MacLean	58		
June 3, Concord	Beatrice C. Hall	72		
June 13, Goffstown	Eleanor Grant	37		
June 13, Milford	Bess Whittle	69	10	8
June 15, Nashua	Mary Consigli	63		
June 16, Nashua	Anabell P. Delaney	78		
June 17, Nashua	Kate E. Goss	96		
June 19, Peterboro	Elizabeth Field	71		
June 23, Nashua	Gennaro Sacco	68		
June 23, Nashua	Nettie I. E. Davis	83		
June 24, Warwick, R. I.	Edward Haigh	42	5	28
June 24, Milford	Nellie H. French	85	5	21
July 4, Milford	George E. Milne	59		20
July 4, New Boston	Charles A. Trow	81	10	5
July 13, Milford	Martha J. Dearborn	89	11	27
July 18, Nashua	Ethel M. Hilton	69		
July 20, Nashua	Ellen T. Hough	80		
Aug. 4, Milford	Catherine Abbott	80		
Aug. 9, Nashua	Ethel J. Glynn	68		
Aug. 31, Nashua	Charles J. Ansaldo	52		
Sept. 1, Nashua	John Place	68		
Sept. 6, Nashua	Grace E. Whittier	56		

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<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>		
		<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
Sept. 7, Milford	Kate A. Bills	89	2	21
Sept. 10, Nashua	John Riedle	80		
Sept. 11, Milford	Mildred J. Johnston	57	6	2
Sept. 13, Milford	Anna May Bagley	56	7	15
Oct. 6, Nashua	Joseph Aveni	67		
Oct. 12, Hudson	Fred E. Roys	76		
Oct. 13, Milford	Wendy J. Fitch	1	8	4
Oct. 29, Nashua	Della Mae Foster	75		
Oct. 30, Milford	Katherine T. Casey	82	11	6
Nov. 6, Nashua	W. Frederick Marshall	46		
Nov. 8, Fitchburg	Mary Fontana	84		23
Nov. 11, Milford	Roma B. Cutts	68	1	8
Nov. 12, Milford	Frederick A. Hiltz	82	6	26
Nov. 14, Milford	Clarence W. Stickney	73	8	26
Nov. 14, Milford	Hilford S. Symonds	44	5	26
Nov. 26, Milford	Ruth P. Watson	44	8	
Nov. 30, Milford	Amanda J. Ranttila	74	2	9
Dec. 1, Nashua	Robert A. Parker		1	24
Dec. 6, Milford	William P. McQuestion	87	3	5
Dec. 13, Laconia	Minot G. Richardson	50		
Dec. 17, Nashua	Lillian C. Hammond	84	2	26
Dec. 21, Peterboro	Frederick Whitman	74		
Dec. 22, Amherst	Lionel W. Vallier	45	4	21
Dec. 23, Milford	Eugene I. Adams	58	4	15
Dec. 26, Winchester, N. H.	Albion Stein	78		

### *Brought From Away and Buried in Town*

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Age</i>			<i>Cemetery</i>
			<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>		
Feb. 20, No. Miami, Fla.	Albion Miller	86				Riverside
May 17, Santa Barbara, Cal.	Harriet Heald Tong	76				Riverside
May 26, Brighton, Mass.	Earle G. Boutelle	62				West Street
June 3, Lynn, Mass.	Frederick Anderson	80	6	10		West Street
July 31, Lynn, Mass.	Ethel D. Anderson	73	11	4		West Street
Aug. 30, Northampton, Mass.	Idella Adams	76	4	28		West Street
Sept. 6, Cambridge, Mass.	Emma L. Richardson	73				Riverside
Nov. 14, Winchester, Mass.	William R. Thomson	72	6	9		Riverside
Dec. 4, Billerica, Mass.	55      4      12					Alice Courage



# *Synopsis of March, 1954, Meeting*

MARCH 9, 1954

In accordance with the Town Meeting Warrant, polls were opened at 2 o'clock p. m. by the Moderator, Rodney C. Woodman, with voting in order. Election officers present: Town Clerk, Donald C. Bruce; election inspectors, Mrs. Catherine E. Richardson, Mrs. Lillian Cain, Mrs. Flora Doucet; also Mrs. Luella Elliott who was sworn to the faithful performance of her duties as election inspector for Town Meeting, by the Moderator.

First voter, Joseph Sullivan. First woman voter, Arlene Colby.

David Deans, Jr., was sworn in at 5:30 p. m. as Assistant Moderator and Mrs. Mary Wright at 5:50 p. m. as Assistant Town Clerk, by the Moderator.

The reading of the Warrant by the Moderator, Rodney C. Woodman, took place at 6:00 p. m., followed by prayer by Rev. LaVern Ells, pastor of the Methodist Church.

Acting under Article 1 of the Town Warrant, the following officers were elected: Town Clerk, Donald C. Bruce; Town Treasurer, Hugo E. Trentini; Selectman for three years, Charles P. Hayward; Fire Warden for three years, Raymond A. Dyer; Auditors, Leonard S. Lorden and Paul C. Rizzi; Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, Hugo E. Trentini; Library Trustee for three years, Benjamin F. Prescott.

Article 2. It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 3. It was moved and voted unanimously that all reports of town officials be accepted as reported and to raise and appropriate money relative thereto.

Article 4. It was moved and voted unanimously that the Selectmen be allowed to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, if necessary, as provided by law of 1907.

Article 5. The following sums of money were raised and appropriated:

Election and Registration Expenses	\$ 560.00
Municipal Court Expenses	1,100.00
Public Works Administration	5,250.00
Town Hall and Other Buildings Expenses	7,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	7,850.00
Town Officers' Salaries	5,600.00
Civil Defense — (Earmarked \$419.82)	80.18
Fire Department, Regular	8,600.00
Hydrant Rental	
Milford Water Department	2,760.00
Wilton Water Department	180.00
Police Department	12,700.00
Garbage Collection	1,225.00
Health Department	750.00
Sewer Maintenance	1,000.00
Town Dump	500.00
Vital Statistics	160.00
Highway Maintenance	15,000.00
Oiling	6,000.00

Snow Removal	9,000.00
Street Lighting	8,253.00
Town Road Aid — Apportionment A	738.55
Libraries	8,461.61
Old Age Assistance	9,000.00
Town Poor	3,500.00
Memorial Day	425.00
Parks and Playgrounds	
Regular	1,500.00
Swimming Pool	1,800.00
Cemeteries	1,500.00
Information Booth	310.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	250.00
Employee's Retirement	3,434.70
Insurance	4,374.59
Police Pension	135.00
Tax Map Revision	250.00
Long Term Notes:	
Other Than Water	819.88
Water Department	1,011.36
Temporary Loans	700.00
New Equipment	
Highway Garage — (Earmarked \$3562.54)	1,747.46
Sewer Correction	1,000.00
Sidewalk Construction	1,500.00
Long Term Notes	
Water	4,500.00
Other Than Water	18,400.00
County Taxes	24,414.21

Under subject of Hydrants motion was made by Mr. Paul N. Hutchinson and seconded by Mr. Robert Seavey that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to install a hydrant on the south-west corner of the common. Motion carried unanimously.

After this motion was passed the hydrant rental expenditure was raised from \$2740.00 to \$2760.00 by the Budget Committee and passed unanimously.

**Police Department** — Motion made by Mr. William Rotch that the Police Department appropriation in the budget be increased by \$200.00, from \$12,500. to \$12,700., with the understanding that the salaries of the two regular officers each be increased by \$5.00 per week. Motion was seconded by Mr. Silva, and voted unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. William Ferguson that an increase of at least 5 cents an hour be made to the unsalaried employees of the Public Works Department. Motion carried unanimously.

**Street Light** — The purpose of this appropriation increase is for more powerful lights on Amherst Street and new lights on Chestnut Street.

Voted unanimously to pay County Taxes.

Article 6. Relative to playing Beano it was voted: Yes, 459; No, 288.

Article 7. On recommendation of the Budget Committee it was moved and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the Community House.

Article 8. Mr. Grasso gave an explanation of what this "Apportionment B" is. The State is in the process of redesigning Route No. 101A that would come under their control. The Town Road is in bad shape. The Public Works Department is asking the town to

give the Selectmen power to negotiate with State construction people about doing the work. Won't start until about one year from now.

On recommendation of the Budget Committee, the motion was made and voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to float a bond issue in accordance with the provisions of T. R. A. Apportionment B for the Reconstruction of Nashua Street from railroad crossing to the compact line.

Article 9. On recommendation of the Budget Committee, it was moved and voted unanimously to authorize the Selectmen to expend the sum of \$4630.00 from the Parking Meter Fund for Apportionment B which is for Class IV roads.

Article 10. On recommendation of the Budget Committee, it was moved and voted unanimously to authorize the Selectmen to expend the sum of \$2500.00 from the Parking Meter Fund to reconstruct Middle Street from Putnam Street to School Street, and School Street from Middle Street to Nashua Street.

Article 11. It was voted unanimously to authorize the Selectmen to expend the sum of \$2500.00 from the Parking Meter Fund for the Nashua Street sewer road repairs.

Article 12. On Friday, March 5th, 1954, the Selectmen held a public hearing and the Park Street Extension was formally accepted and laid out as a street. About five house lots have been roughed out and construction is planned to start in the very near future.

It was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for the construction of a sewer on Park Street Extension conditional upon construction of houses being started.

Article 13. Motion made by Mr. Salvatore Grasso that the town raise and appropriate \$1500.00 to extend the sewer on Union Street from the property of Everett Smith to property of Edward Nichols, Jr. Motion carried, not unanimously.

Article 14. It was voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1800.00 to replace the 1948 Ford ¾-Ton Pickup truck with a one-ton Dual Wheel Dump truck.

Article 15. On recommendation of the Budget Committee, it was voted not to replace the 1947 KSB8 International Dump truck.

Article 16. After discussion by Mr. William Whipple, Mr. Rodney Woodman, Mr. Fred T. Wadleigh, it was voted unanimously, on recommendation of the Budget Committee, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for use by the Milford Industrial Committee if needed.

Article 17. Acting on Mr. David Deans' motion that the Town adopt the recommendation of the Budget Committee, it was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1200.00 (this amount to be matched by Federal Funds) to be made available to the Milford Civil Defense Director to purchase for the Town of Milford a 2-way radio system. This system is to include purchase and installation of a base station, two fire units, one police unit and walkie-talkie.

Article 18. On recommendation of the Budget Committee it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9200.00 to reconstruct and re-surface Highland Avenue, beginning at one end and proceeding as far as the money will allow, according to the discretion of the Public Works and Selectmen.

Article 19. Motion by Arthur Lemay to sell a certain tract of land situate westerly of the former right of way of the Fitchburg Division of the B. & M. Railroad to Dr. Sheris for \$1.00. Amendment offered by George F. Nelson to substitute the words "fair value" for "one dollar." This was seconded by Mr. Wadleigh. In voting on



the amendment, it was voted down. Then on Mr. Lemay's motion, by a standing vote of 245 Yes and 77 No, it was voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell for one dollar (\$1.00) and convey to Dr. Edward Sheris of Wilton, N. H., a certain tract of land situate westerly of the old former right of way of the Milford Branch of the Fitchburg Division of Boston and Maine Railroad, being a tract about nine-tenths of one acre in size, bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at a point on the westerly side of the right of way of the former Milford Branch, Fitchburg Division, Boston & Maine Railroad at a corner of wire fence at land of Henry Curtis, said point being Thirty-three (33') feet Westerly of the Westerly line of said railroad right of way; thence North Forty-six degrees Forty minutes (46° 40') West by land of Henry Curtis Thirty-three (33') feet to a corner of said wire fence; thence North Thirty-five degrees Forty-four minutes (35° 44') East Seventy-six and one tenth (76.1') feet to a corner of said fence; thence North Three degrees Forty-four minutes (3° 44') East One Hundred One and Forty-five one hundredths (101.45') feet; thence North Seven degrees Forty-four minutes (7° 44') East Ninety-eight and two tenths (98.2') feet; thence North Thirteen degrees Twenty-nine minutes (13° 29') East Thirty-eight and four tenths (38.4') feet; thence North Twenty degrees Fourteen minutes (20° 14') East Sixty-five (65') feet; thence North Twenty-two degrees and Forty-four minutes (22° 44') East Two Hundred Twenty-nine and Thirty-five one hundredths (229.35') feet all by wire fence to a corner of said fence; thence North Eighty-eight degrees Twenty-nine minutes (88° 29') East One Hundred Four (104') feet to said Westerly side of said right of way of said former Milford Branch, Fitchburg Division, Boston and Maine Railroad; thence in a line parallel to and Thirty-three (33') feet Westerly of the center line of said right of way of said Milford Branch, Fitchburg Division, Boston and Maine Railroad to the point of beginning. Being the small tract purchased by the Town of Milford from the Boston and Maine Railroad as shown on plan of J. P. Cromire, Engineer of Design, November 1950, and being that small portion of land Northeasterly of the Intersection of said railroad right of way with Union Street, which said small portion of land lies Westerly of Sixty-six foot railroad right of way."

Article 20. On recommendation of the Budget Committee, it was voted to convey to the Milford School District a certain tract or parcel of land known as the upper level of Endicott Park, said tract or parcel of land to be used for erection of a new school building. Such conveyance to take effect only with the approval of the new building by the School District meeting. Said land being bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at a stone post on the northerly side of Elm Street forty feet easterly on said street from the South East corner of the premises of Angelo Bernasconi; thence North 14½ degrees East on a line parallel to the Easterly side of said Bernasconi premises to a point to be determined by mutual agreement of the Milford Board of Selectmen and Milford School Board; thence Westerly to the Souhegan River; thence up said river to old burying ground; thence Easterly by the Northerly side of said burying ground and by the Northerly side of land of Alice Parent, Darius Robinson and of said Angelo Bernasconi to the Northeast corner of said Bernasconi land; thence Southerly by the Easterly side of Bernasconi land to said Elm Street; thence Easterly by said Elm Street forty feet to the bound first mentioned."

Article 21. Motion by Mrs. Martha Rotch to buy the Public Address System without the recorder for \$490.00 for the Town Hall was voted down.

Recommendation of Budget Committee to buy for \$650.00 a Public Address System and recorder was also voted down.

Article 22. On recommendation of the Budget Committee it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to the Monadnock Region Association of Southwestern N. H. for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the Town, in co-operation with the other thirty-seven towns of the Monadnock Region.

Article 23. On recommendation of the Budget Committee, it was voted not to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting.

Article 24. Recommendation of the Budget Committee to purchase a new police cruiser amended by motion of Mr. Donald Dunklee to read: A committee of three be appointed by the Selectmen to serve with them in choosing a new police cruiser with a heavy duty generator at a cost not to exceed \$850.00. Motion seconded by Mrs. Alfred Blouin. Motion carried in the affirmative. Committee appointed by Selectmen to help set up specifications for new Police Cruiser were John Bohonan, Alfred Medlyn and Stewart Doucet.

Article 25. Mr. Trentini: I move that a rising vote of thanks be given to our retiring Public Works Superintendent, Sal Grasso, for his many hours of untiring efforts for the benefit of Milford and its citizens. Motion carried unanimously and a standing vote of thanks given to Mr. Grasso.

Mr. Ferguson: Keeley Smith asked me to present this resolution since he could not be present tonight: I, L. Keeley Smith, present the following resolution and move its adoption:

"Whereas, the Milford Rotary Club is presenting a concert by the University of New Hampshire Glee Club next Thursday, March 11, and whereas, the entire profit of that concert is to be turned over to the Crotched Mt. Rehabilitation Center for Crippled Children and Handicapped Persons, be it resolved, that the Town of Milford, extend the free use of the Town and Banquet Halls for that concert."

Signed: L. Keeley Smith.

Resolution passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Pease that the Moderator appoint three individuals to make a topographical survey to determine the condition of the water at the Lovejoy Granite Co. compressor pond as a source for town water.

Motion seconded by Mr. Nelson. Voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Grasso: All employees and people associated with the Board of Selectmen have been very wonderful to work with and the people of the town, too. From the bottom of my heart I want to thank everybody here tonight and those not here for the co-operation given me during my time as Public Works Superintendent. My resignation wasn't brought about by any friction with the Board of Selectmen. I will do anything I can to help them out. Thanks to everybody.

Mr. Silva: I move that we hold the next Town Meeting in the evening under the same conditions as this one. Motion seconded by Mr. William Ferguson and voted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P. M. State of ballot announced at 10:45 P. M.



# TOTAL VOTE CAST — 976

Town Clerk		Trustee of Trust Funds	
Donald . Bruce	939	for 3 Years:	
Scattering	4	Hugo E. Trentini	823
Town Treasurer		Scattering	6
Hugo E. Trentini	891	Library Trustee for 3 Years:	
Scattering	4	Benjamin F. Prescott	840
Selectman for 3 Years		Scattering	2
Charles P. Hayward	605	“Shall the provision of 171-A	
Lunnie H. Parker	186	of the Revised Laws relative	
Andrew J. Sweeney	180	to playing games of Beano be	
Scattering	3	Adopted in this Town.”	
Fire Warden for 3 Years		YES — 459	NO — 288
Raymond A. Dyer	503		
Robert Seavey	456		
Auditors			
Leonard S. Lorden	803		
Paul C. Rizzi	773		
Scattering	4		

At the close of the meeting, Charles P. Hayward, Selectman; Donald C. Bruce, Town Clerk; Raymond A. Dyer, Fire Warden were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Moderator. Hugo E. Trentini, Town Treasurer and Trustee of Trust Funds for three years; Leonard S. Lorden and Paul C. Rizzi, Auditors; Benjamin F. Prescott, Library Trustee for three years, were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by Donald C. Bruce.

DONALD C. BRUCE, Town Clerk.

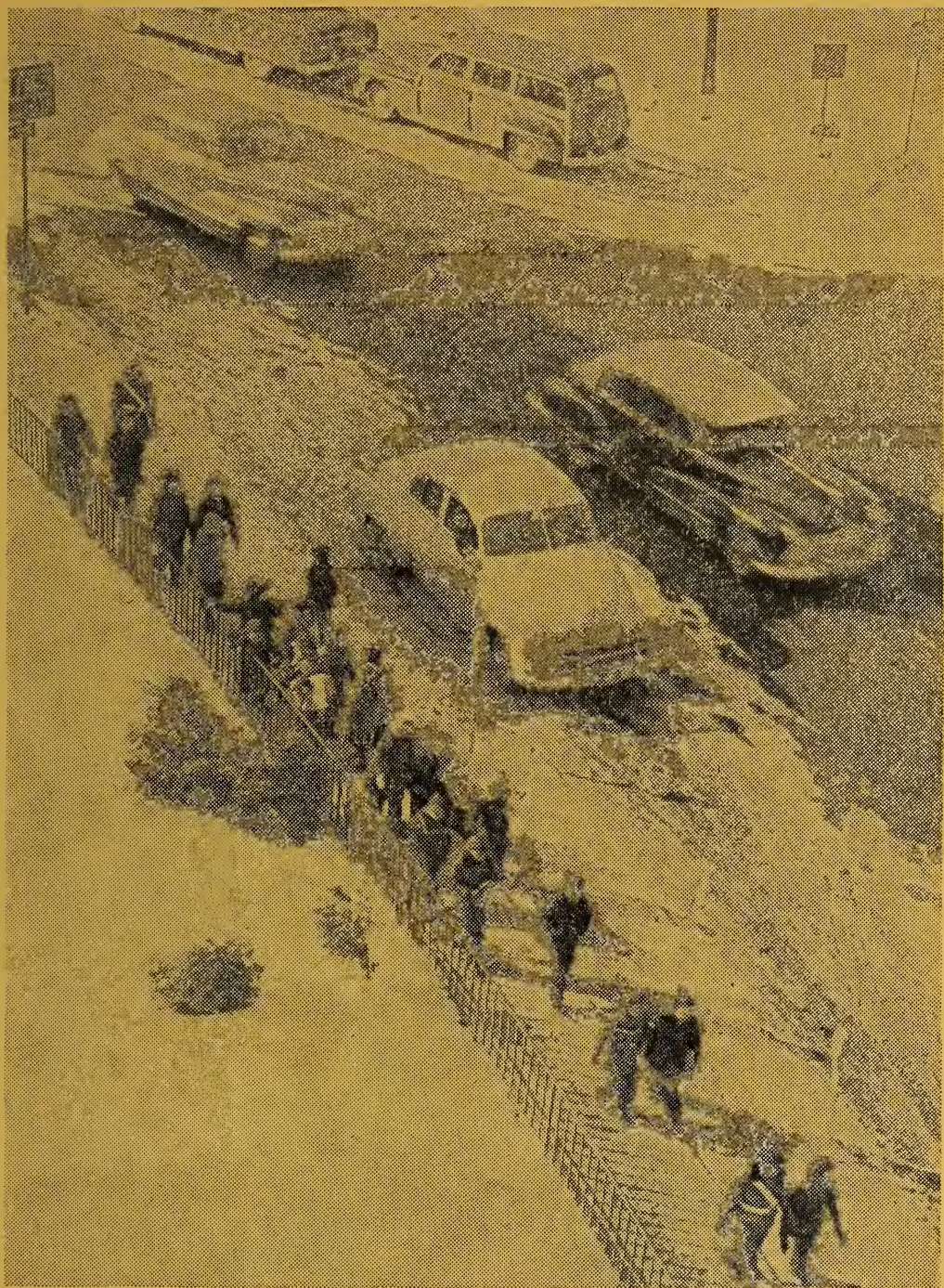
The following is a list of the members of the Budget Committee to serve for the year 1954 - 1955.

Clayton Chase, Chairman	Roy Boulter
Edward Hallet	George Nelson
Harold Remick	William Crabtree
Robert Campbell	Eben Hutton
Donald Brown	David Hoadley
Paul Ecklund	Harry Draper
Carl Holland	Bart Prestipino
William Ferguson	





# Milford Schools



Reports for the Year Ending  
June 30, 1954



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Memorial Park. Ralph W. Clarke photo.

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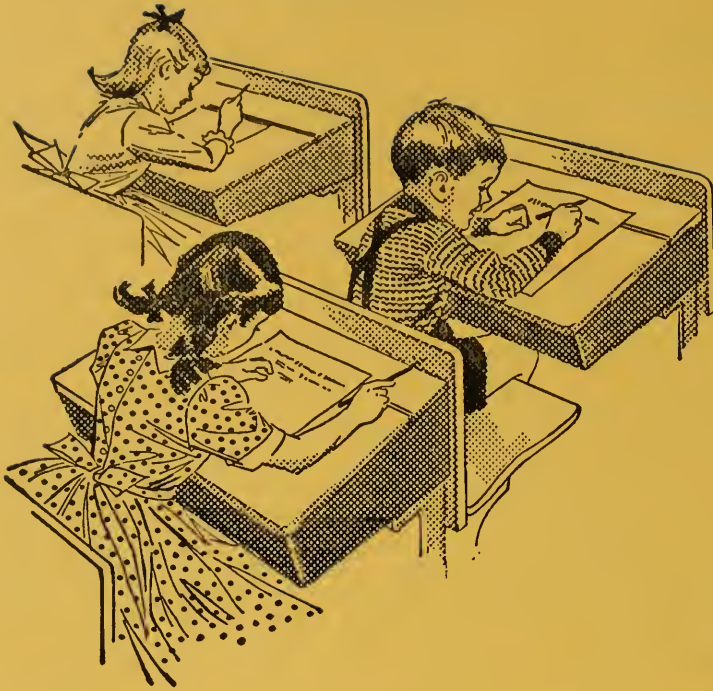
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### SCHOOL BOARD

OWEN P. FISK, *Chairman*

Term Expires 1955

MARIO J. INFANTI

Term Expires 1957

MARTHA McL. ROTCH

Term Expires 1956

HAROLD C. BOWLEY, *Superintendent of Schools*

GEORGE H. CORSON, *Principal, High School*

FRED J. WILKINSON, *Principal, Elementary School*

MABEL I. CONNOLLY, *Helping Teacher*

MAURICE G. JEWETT

*Treasurer*

DAVID DEANS, Jr.

*Moderator*

A. WALLACE WILKINS

*Clerk*

OSCAR BURNS, M.D.

*School Physician*

VIRGINIA GILL, R.N.

*School Nurse*

# SCHOOL BOARD

The biggest single event of the present school year has been construction of the new school building at Endicott Park. The building is coming along rapidly, and may be in use by April. It is the climax of two years of study and consideration of Milford's school needs. Its twelve classrooms and small auditorium known as a "multi-purpose room" are designed to allow for the expansion of Milford's school population.

Obviously such a building makes necessary certain changes in the school organization and scheduling, and much of the School Board's thinking for the past twelve months has been along such lines; how to best utilize these new facilities which Milford taxpayers have made possible.

The school budget this year for the first time reflects the cost of the new school, and includes both operating expenses and part of the building cost. The amount of money needed is large, and yet we would be sorry to have the new school "blamed" for the increase. The real problem is the need to give more and more children a better education, and Milford's new school is simply a means of meeting this problem.

Milford "lost" fourteen teachers at the end of the last school year. We have heard the comment that something must be wrong when such a high proportion of teachers leave. In analyzing the situation, we came to the conclusion that a majority of these teachers left for reasons that had little to do with the immediate salary schedule. Some retired, some left for much better positions. Perhaps four or five of these teachers would have stayed if we had been able to offer them slightly higher salaries.

The encouraging thing is the quality of the teachers we were able to get as replacements. Our present teaching staff has demonstrated a high degree of efficiency and eagerness to help. Particularly is this evident in a willingness to conduct extra-curricular activities. To them we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation.

The matter of salaries is a problem, and will continue to be. Once again in drawing up our budget we have felt it necessary to increase the salary scale, although at least twice in recent years we have presented schedules that we thought would be valid for some time.

The difficulty is created by the minimum salaries that it is necessary to pay new teachers. Frequently we have found ourselves in the position of having to pay a new teacher more than an experienced teacher was to have received on the basis of the existing salary schedule. We have tried to remedy this situation, and to avoid inequities whenever possible. The problems in this connection are difficult, and at times delicate. They can never be solved to everyone's satisfaction.

In closing, may we say that parents and taxpayers who seek a better understanding of school activities and school needs, make a real contribution toward solving school problems. Where there is understanding there almost certainly can be found a way to overcome whatever obstacles there may be in our efforts to give Milford youngsters the kind of education they need in this expanding world.

Respectfully submitted,

OWEN P. FISK, *Chairman*  
MARIO J. INFANTI,  
MARTHA M. ROTCH.

# WARRANT

## *for the Annual School Meeting*

*To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Milford,  
qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 5th day of March 1955, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. (See Budget)

9. (By Petition) Be it resolved that the new school building now being erected on the upper field of Endicott Park be named upon completion: "The Lt. Leon J. Jacques, Jr., Memorial School."

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Milford this 14th day of February, 1955.

OWEN P. FISK,  
MARTHA M. ROTCH,  
MARIO J. INFANTI,  
*School Board.*





# Budget for School Year

	Working Budget 1954-55	Proposed Budget 1955-56
<b>Administration:</b>		
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00*
2. Supt.'s Salary (local share)	2,124.20	2,247.00*
3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision	1,572.00	1,662.00*
4. Salaries of other Adm. Personnel	2,436.00	2,607.50*
5. Supplies and Administrative Expense	1,569.24	1,507.25*
	\$ 8,121.44	\$ 8,443.75
<b>Instruction:</b>		
6. Principals' and Teachers' Salaries	128,900.00	147,250.00
7. Books and Other Instructional Aids	3,300.00	3,900.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	4,800.00	5,400.00
10. Supplies and Other Instructional Exp.	1,825.00	2,000.00
	138,825.00	158,550.00
<b>Operation of School Plant:</b>		
11. Salaries of Janitors	8,300.00	11,650.00
12. Fuel or Heat	4,000.00	6,000.00
13. Water, Light, Janitor Supplies	4,000.00	5,500.00
	16,300.00	23,150.00
<b>Maintenance of School Plant:</b>		
14. Repairs and Replacements	3,500.00	3,500.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities:</b>		
15. Health Supervision	1,315.00	1,410.77
16. Transportation	7,700.00	8,200.00
17. Tuition	200.00	200.00
	9,215.00	9,810.77

<b>Fixed Charges:</b>				
19. Retirement	7,337.96		10,279.30*	
20. Insurance, Bonds and Expenses	3,523.50	10,861.46	3,915.00	14,194.30
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>				
22. Additions & Improvements to Bldgs.	4,000.00		4,000.00	
23. New Equipment (Art. X of Warrant)	3,100.00		2,480.00	
24. Preliminary Planning	2,000.00	9,100.00		6,480.00
<b>Other Charges:</b>				
25. Prin. of Debt (Art. VIII of Warrant)	6,000.00		21,700.00	
26. Int. on Debt (Art. VIII of Warrant)	1,152.85		6,603.96	
27. Contingency (Art. VIII of Warrant)	3,500.00	10,652.85	3,500.00	31,803.96
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$206,575.75</b>		<b>\$255,932.78</b>
<b>ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT:</b>				
Balance	00.00		00.00	
Federal Aid	2,700.00		\$ 3,200.00	
Tuition	24,750.00		25,500.00	
Contingency Fund	3,500.00		3,500.00	
State Aid	478.99		5,000.00	
Assessment needed March 1954		\$ 31,428.99		\$ 37,200.00
Assessment needed March 1955		175,146.76		218,732.78
		<b>\$206,575.75</b>		<b>\$255,932.78</b>

\*Statutory Obligations

Note: Numbers at the left agree with financial accounting forms approved by State Tax Commission. Omissions indicate that we do not use the omitted columns.

Respectfully submitted,

OWEN P. FISK,  
 MARTHA M. ROTCH,  
 MARIO J. INFANTI,  
 School Board of Milford.

## *Report of Building Committee*

At the 1954 annual school district meeting the educational survey committee appointed in March, 1953, was given authority to continue as a building committee. This committee was instructed by the voters to select an architect, prepare preliminary plans and specifications for a new school and present a budget covering this Capital Outlay at an adjourned meeting on May 8, 1954. The district also appropriated a sum not to exceed \$2,000 for the preparation of preliminary plans and specifications.

Alfred T. Granger Associates, Architects and Engineers of Hanover, New Hampshire, was engaged by the building committee to make the preliminary plans.

On May 8, 1954, a recessed meeting of the school district was held at the town hall. At this time the following recommendation of the building committee was unanimously voted: to construct a twelve room one story school with multipurpose room on the upper level of Endicott Park and the conversion of two rooms in the present High School annex to a Home Economics Department at a cost of \$257,000.

The MacMillin Company of Keene, New Hampshire was engaged to construct the new school. Kokko Builders of Milford, New Hampshire was engaged to remodel the annex.

The committee has been more than satisfied with the work done by the architect and contractors. Construction of the new building is ahead of schedule and barring unforeseen difficulties should be completed and ready for occupancy in April.

### THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

MARIO J. INFANTI, *Chairman*

MALCOLM M. CARTER

MRS. GEORGE F. NELSON

HAROLD S. REMICK

MISS MURIEL B. YOUNG

HARRY K. DRAPER

RAYMOND POLLOCK

### MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD



## Milford's New 12 Room School Building



This photograph shows Milford's new 12-room school building as it will look when completed this spring. Rapid progress is being made, and it is thought possible the school may be in use in April.



## *Total Enrollment—915*

As of January 15, 1955

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Grade I	26						26
Grade I	30						30
Grade I	28						28
Grade II		29					29
Grade II		29					29
Grade II		19					19
Grade II		26					26
Grade III			31				31
Grade III			30				30
Grade III			20				20
Grade IV				29			29
Grade IV				29			29
Grade V					33		33
Grade V					34		34
Grade VI						34	34
Grade VI						34	34
Grand Totals	84	103	81	58	67	68	461
Boys	45	55	45	31	37	27	240
Girls	39	48	36	27	30	41	221

Total Elementary Enrollment figures for the last five years:

398, 387, 413, 428, 465

### Junior High and High School Enrollment as of January 15, 1955

	Boys	Girls	Total
Grade 7	45	40	85
Grade 8	39	43	82
Grade 9	40	45	85
Grade 10	24	44	68
Grade 11	31	42	73
Grade 12	28	33	61
Grand Total	207	247	454

Tuition Pupils	No.
Amherst	67
Mont Vernon — High School, 19; Elem., 18	37
Lyndeboro	1
	105
Total Tuition Pupils	105

# ADMINISTRATION

## *Superintendent*

By Harold C. Bowley

I herewith present my sixteenth annual report. Statistics printed on succeeding pages also comprise this report.

### INSTRUCTION

I have plenty of changes to report this year. The Elementary School lost Mrs. Alberta Hagar by retirement, Mrs. Eva Gagnon for her home and Mrs. Elizabeth Ells by transfer, and a new teacher was added. This makes four new teachers for the Elementary grades, which, with the transfer of Principal Leota Whitcomb to the Armed Forces, really made five changes. To fill these vacancies, Mrs. Violet Consigli, Mrs. Pauline Joslin, Mrs. Jenness Phillips, Mrs. Marion Fisher and Fred Wilkinson were employed. The success of the current school year attests to the wisdom of these choices. In retrospect, I offer humble appreciation to Mrs. Hagar for the many years of kindly and efficient service she gave to the people of Milford. Her retirement years should be filled with pleasant memories; she deserves the fullest in health and happiness. The High School lost Hector Chartrain, John LaTourette, Richard Lynch, Mary Nagle, Edith Noble, Bertha Saigh and Marilyn Thomas by transfer to other schools in this State and elsewhere, Harold McBride by retirement, Lester Smith and Norman Turcotte to leave the profession, and Mrs. Marion Young for home reasons. This makes eleven new teachers which, with a new Home Economics position, really makes twelve changes. To fill these vacancies in the secondary schools, Alge Mitkus, Clifton Gordon (moved up from teaching to Guidance Counselor and Rowe Ashley appointed to his place as Junior High teacher), Gordon Soffin, Edna Stephens, Philip Rines, Mrs. Margaret Center, Theresa Grenier, Robert O'Neil, Sarah Byrne (moved up from Junior High and William Jenkins appointed to her place as Junior High teacher), Everett Reed, Mrs. Virginia Doherty and Dorothy Bushnell were employed. Also, note that Mrs. Messenger was replaced as Art teacher by Mrs. Natalie Fleming. The

latter is teaching here three days a week instead of last year's two. I would not forget Mr. McBride, who retires after almost 40 years of service to Education, the last of which were spent here. I pay my respects to all those years of service and wish him well in his retirement years. Milford High School is having a good year in spite of these many changes.

I wish to speak a word for the Testing Program and Workshop which the teachers of this Union attended last year. The results were gratifying to this extent that the median of every grade in this Union exceeded the national median except Grades 8 and 12 and they were exactly at that median. Last year's testing was in the important field of Reading, as to Vocabulary and Comprehension. Now we turn to a testing program this year in Arithmetic.

## COSTS

The figures of State averages for tuition purposes are not available at this writing. However, they are freely predicted to be in the vicinity of \$200 for each elementary and \$300 for each secondary pupil. Since our costs are not up to these amounts, we still continue to charge \$150 and \$250 respectively for tuition rates.

I anticipate an increase in the State Aid column. At the same time, there are so many legislative questions yet to be resolved that I cannot give a more accurate estimate. Among these are questions concerning adjustment of the formula as to per pupil aid and to valuation. However, I have the feeling, with more pupils to be aided and a larger amount set aside for State Aid, that these will work to your advantage this coming fall.

## DEEDS

### *a. Fence*

A new fence encloses the front lawn of the Elementary Building, thus keeping children out of the street, and another protects the first graders at the Parish House from access to Railroad Pond. The latter will be installed on the grounds of the new school as soon as the Parish House is no longer needed as a school.

### *b. New Building*

This new building which approaches completion offers all the usual problems prior to occupancy. In order to make the Annex available for alterations for Home Economics, that section of pupils will soon move to the new structure. In all probability two fifth grades will also occupy rooms in the newer building in order to make room for the two first grades moving from the Parish House to the Elementary School. Fuller occupancy of this new building will await the opening of school next fall. Construction is going on at a rapid pace and will be completed in two or three months.

### *c. Re-decorating*

I only wish to call your attention to this as is evident if you visit the buildings. We have a schedule of refinishing all rooms in a cycle of years and have the force and materials to maintain it. New paint and clean surfaces inspire confidence in pupils and make them react favorably to pleasant surroundings. Our staff under the direction of Mr. Randall deserves a lot of credit.

### *d. Report Card Study*

I commend to your attention the work of a union-wide committee to revise the various report cards. In all probability, trial runs of their results will be made and your comments sought. This is the first major change for a number of years and parents and teachers are joining hands to produce what will be better understood and to convey what parents and teachers alike need to know about the school work of their children.

## **YET TO DO**

### *Elementary and High School Boilers*

Much time for other pursuits could be had from our janitors if these boilers were converted to oil. Since one of these boilers is reported to be unsuitable for conversion to oil, a new boiler might have to be provided or the stoker moved from the High School to the Elementary and an oil burner substituted for the present stoker.



### *Bales Auditorium and Shops*

Heating arrangements in this addition are far from satisfactory. This is a project that needs attention the worst way and, to me, deserves priority.

### CLOSING

This is the type of education we strive to obtain. "A good school helps youth to acquire the basic tools of learning, to select activities which best prepare them for life, to prepare for, get and hold a job, to maintain mental health and physical fitness, to be a good consumer, to do what is right, to be a good citizen, to be a good family member, to use time wisely." These are some of the goals or outcomes. You may have others. But these aims are not alone for the school — they apply in the home and in other community agencies — wherever the pupil is found. I bespeak the cooperation of all agencies toward the solution of the problems of youth adjustment to our complex society.

My year has been a busy but pleasant one for which I am duly grateful to my associate, Miss Connolly, a diligent teaching Staff, a helpful Board and an interested Citizenry.

Very respectfully,

HAROLD C. BOWLEY,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

February 5, 1955

# *Our Helping Teacher*

By Mabel I. Connolly

In the first report of my work in Union No. 40 I attempted to give a description of the Helping Teacher Program then in the process of evolution. At this time I should like to point out a few phases that have been given particular emphasis during the past year and account for their development.

*Grouping Within the Classroom.* Since there may be found in any classroom such a wide range of abilities and degrees of achievement among the children it is necessary to fit the school program to the needs of the children rather than try to do the impossible — fit the children to the program. To do this effectively, pupils within the classroom are grouped according to their level of achievement, whether above or below grade level, and are thus encouraged to progress at their own rate. Books of different reading levels and other materials must be supplied, and sometimes help given the teacher in determining which group is best for the child.

*Guidance.* The programs already under way in some schools have been further developed and expanded. In all schools the teachers are aware of the need for pupil guidance and many have made use of the several available facilities whose purpose is to help children with problems or to avoid becoming problems. The most effective guidance is being achieved through teacher-pupil contact, the teacher recognizing the needs of the child and understanding how he may best be helped.

*Social Studies.* In no other subject field are there such great possibilities for the development of character and citizenship. It is also in this field that most guidance may take place. Teachers are becoming increasingly aware of the many opportunities for growth that form the basis of the unit approach to social studies and encourage pupil planning and problem solving. The social studies program throughout the union is also becoming unified so that the subject content will be similar and follow a definite sequence. Parents who have visited school and seen the activities which culminate a unit of work are enthusiastic about

this newer method of teaching and like the role it is playing in the development of their children.

*Reading Readiness.* Until the first grade teacher knows each pupil's readiness for reading she cannot successfully launch a good reading program. It often takes two or more months to be certain of the degree of readiness of every pupil. To avoid the loss of this valuable time reading readiness tests were given to some of the first graders at the very beginning of the school year, or to most of them before school started. The children were then grouped according to their readiness as shown by the test results. Each teacher knew in September what she might expect of nearly every pupil and what were his needs in the five major areas tested: visual, auditory, muscular coordination, articulation, and language. Since this is the first time such tests have been given so early and on a unionwide basis I have followed the organization of the first grades very closely in order to determine whether such a program has merits enough to warrant its repetition. On the whole it has proven quite successful. Its main disadvantage was that a few children did not do as well as they could when tested so early and later had to be regrouped. However, this was more than offset by the following advantages: 1. It allowed those who were ready to read to start immediately, saving approximately two months. 2. It showed just how much preparation was necessary for the other children, and in what areas. 3. It gave not only the teacher but the parents a better understanding of the child's development. In most cases the parent was with the child while he was being tested, had a chance to see the test results, and to understand exactly what to expect of him. This has meant a welcome relief from the usual pressure placed upon the child who was not ready, but who might without this pressure catch up with the child who scored much higher. 4. We have happy children working up to capacity and interested in what they are doing. This is the most important advantage of all.

No description of the above program would be complete without mentioning the splendid cooperation encountered on the part of all concerned — parents, teachers, principals, members of the school boards, and Mr. Bowley. For their continued confidence and support I am extremely grateful.



*Milford  
Elementary  
School*



Fred J. Wilkinson, *Principal*

This is my first annual report as principal of the Milford Elementary School. I have enjoyed my first year here very much and take pleasure in reporting to you, the people of Milford, about your school.

*Space*

As school opened in September, an acute shortage of space existed. We were fortunate in obtaining two rooms in the basement of the Congregational Church Parish House for temporary occupancy until the new elementary school is finished. Sixty first graders and their teachers, Mrs. Louise Pickering and Mrs. Fay Stinson, are housed there. Seventy sixth graders, under Miss Kathryn Clarkin and Mrs. Doris Rebidue, are located in the high school annex. In the main elementary building, we have twelve teachers and 340 children. These 16 teachers, plus four special teachers, custodian, school nurse and doctor, four people in the cafeteria, and principal, represent the complete staff of our school.



### *Interest*

The interest of Milford people in their elementary school is evidenced by their daily visits to the elementary building, Parish House, and annex. When we held our Open House during Education Week last November, approximately 550 parents and friends visited grades 1 - 6. This figure, when compared with the total enrollment of 470 children means an average of more than one visitor per child. This type of personal interest greatly strengthens the schools of the community.

### *School Lunch Program*

We have reorganized our hot lunch program so as to ease our desperately over-crowded cafeteria. We are now eating in three shifts: the first graders at 11:15, the second graders at 11:30, and grades 3 - 6 at 12:00. By doing this, we feed 75 children before 12:00, thus reducing the size of this last group from 175 to 100. This greatly facilitates the serving of food and orderliness of the cafeteria. To further assist us, we have enlisted the aid of 18 Milford High School boys and girls to sit at the tables of the children of grades 2 - 6 and act as hosts and hostesses. It is their responsibility to serve the food and take charge of the general conduct at the table. This makes each table an autonomous unit and instills responsibility and character training in the older children as well as the younger ones.

We think this has effected and maintained a reasonably quiet atmosphere in the cafeteria. It should be said here that this would not have been possible without the unlimited cooperation of the kitchen staff, consisting of Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Theroux, and Mrs. Taylor.

### *School Savings*

Our school savings program has been continued this year. These children seem to have a will to save as we receive about \$110.00 each week for stamps.

We previously awarded a Stamp Day banner to the room having the highest amount of sales. At a teachers' meeting in December, this award was discussed and the following change was incorporated: the award should go to the room having the

highest *percentage* of children purchasing stamps. We felt that formerly, this banner encouraged fewer children to bring a larger amount of money. The purpose of the savings program, however, is to encourage the greatest number of children possible to save regularly, even if only a small amount. By awarding the banner to the room with the highest percentage of children purchasing stamps, we give credit to the child who recognizes the true meaning of savings — a small amount saved regularly is most important.

The number of children participating in the savings program has gradually increased each week, rising from 138 last September to 181 in January.

### *Reading Program*

We have been fortunate in obtaining a flashmeter attachment for our overhead projector. This flashmeter, technically called a tachistoscope, flashes words upon a screen at speeds varying from one full second to 1/100 of a second. This has aided us greatly in helping both the children who do not read as well as they should and those children who can already read well, but who could read much better and faster.

We start at a slow speed with words of several letters, and gradually increase them to words of 8 - 10 letters. We increase the speed with the words, going to two small words, two larger words, three small words, three larger words, etc., until they are able to see four to six words at once at top speed. When we realize that this is at a speed of 1/100 of a second and that they have only one brief glimpse of the words, it is easy to see how the speed and comprehension of children in reading can be rapidly increased.

In the elementary school, reading is an extremely important subject. The tachistoscope has earned popularity among the teachers because of its usefulness and effectiveness in the improvement of reading. It is now in use from 9:00 A. M. to 3:30 P. M. every school day.

Next year the elementary grades will be housed in two separate buildings. To carry on all phases of our reading program, we should make plans to acquire another overhead projector with tachistoscope attachment, for use in the new building.

We have continued the regular school program of remedial reading. Those children who needed special help in reading were given achievement and capacity tests at the beginning of the school year. The achievement test told us at what level the child was working at that time and the capacity test told us what he was capable of doing. By comparing the results of these two tests, we were able to get a more complete picture of the child's individual ability and potential. These children were then given a thorough analysis of their reading problems before starting remedial work on them. The actual remedial work then began, consisting of tachistoscope training, word analysis, phonics, comprehension, oral and silent reading, and many of the other skills of reading.

### *In-Service Training*

The teachers in Milford continue to advance themselves educationally by taking both extension and summer school courses. The following teachers have taken courses during the past year:

Mrs. Barnes: Theory of Design (First Year), Theory of Design (Second Year).

Mrs. Joslin: Children's Literature, Social Studies in the Elementary School, Creative Art, Guidance in the Elementary School.

Mrs. Phillips: Guidance in the Elementary School.

Mr. Wilkinson: Remedial Reading, Language Arts, Intermediate Grade Arithmetic.

Mrs. Fisher: Psychology of Exceptional Children:

Mrs. Pickering: Psychology of Exceptional Children.

Mrs. Stinson: Psychology of Exceptional Children.

At the time of this writing, 75 percent of the teachers here are taking extension courses in such places as Keene, Wilton, Manchester, and Boston. Parents of Milford school children can be assured that their teachers are constantly striving to improve themselves by learning the very latest instruction and curriculum procedures.

### *Field Trips*

The elementary school today is responsible for acquainting the children with the resources of the community. Sometimes these resources are people, sometimes places. By taking field



trips, the children become familiar with the importance of many things they might otherwise take for granted. Such places as the Milford Pumping Station, the mounted bird exhibit at Milford High School, construction developments at the new school, library, post office, and various places in town to study nature, science, and community life, have all been visited. These visits are all carefully planned and have sound educational objectives in mind.

### *Special Teachers*

Miss Wheeler is doing her usual fine job in music. She tries to develop in the children a love and appreciation of good music through singing, listening, etc. Miss Wheeler directed the musical program of the elementary school during Education Week last fall.

Mrs. Hammond is continuing her work with those children who are hard-of-hearing or who have a speech difficulty. She works with them one afternoon a week.

Mrs. Fleming comes to us with considerable experience. Her art program is very good and most interesting. She attempts, and succeeds, through informal presentation, to develop every child's innate creative ability in art.

Miss Grenier has done very well in organizing her physical education program. She works with children of all ages in developing rhythemics, muscular skills, and coordination. Miss Grenier has done a lot to develop good sportsmanship among our children.

Miss Grund, Milford High School music teacher, has started an Elementary School Band, which meets once a week. This should give the younger children an opportunity to play together as a group, improving their status as musicians by the time they reach high school.

### *Conclusion*

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the teachers for their limitless energies, the School Board for their constant interest, Mr. Bowley and Miss Connolly for their guidance and leadership, Mr. Corson for his invaluable help in setting up the hot lunch program, Mr. Tostevin, the P.T.A., townspeople, and parents. Without these people, the educational system of Milford would be an innocuous shell.



## *Our Teachers*

Teacher and Grade or Subject (1954-55)	Experience	Total
	Here	Experience
Ashley, Rowe — Junior High	1	1
Barnes, Emma B. (Mrs.) — Grade I	30	36
Byrne, Sarah F. — English	4	4
Bushnell, Dorothy — Home Economics	1	1
Camp, Raymond — Shop	10	24
Canfield, Herbert — Mathematics	4	32½
Center, Margaret (Mrs.) — Junior High	1	1
Clarkin, Kathryn M. — Grade VI	34	36½
Consigli, Violet (Mrs.) — Grade IV	4	9
Corson, George H. — Prin. - High School	2¾	18
Doherty, Virginia (Mrs.) — Commercial	1½	5½
Fisher, Marion (Mrs.) — Grade III	1	6
Fleming, Natalie (Mrs.) — Art	1	9
Gagnon, Normand — Social Studies	2	2½
Gay, Clarence — Shop and Dr. Training	2	4
Gogan, Katherine — Grade V	24	31
Gordon, Clifton B. — Guidance	2	2
Grenier, Theresa — Physical Education	1	1
Grund, Barbara E. — Music	3	3
Haskell, Dorothy — Grade IV	4	14
Hood, Lyle — Grade II	2	26
Jenkins, William — Junior High	1	1
Joslin, Pauline — Grade II	1	15
Langley, Florence — Home Economics	18	27
McEntee, Margaret (Mrs.) — Grade III	2	2
McGettigan, Mary C. — Grade V	25	31½
Miller, Beatrice L. — Grade II	26	28
Mitkus, Alge P. — English	1	1
O'Neil, Robert — Shop	10	27
Phillips, Jenness (Mrs.) — Grade II	1	14½
Pickering, Louise (Mrs.) — Grade I	2	9
Rebidue, Doris M. (Mrs.) — Grade VI	7	13
Reed, Everett — Science	1	1
Rines, Phillip — Junior High	1	7
Soffin, Gordon — Physical Education	1	1½
Stephens, Edna — Languages	1	25
Stinson, Fay (Mrs.) — Grade I	2	6
Tonella, Hazel G. (Mrs.) — Social Studies	12	16
Wheeler, Elsie F. — Music	21	23
Wilkinson, Fred J. — Prin. - Elementary School	1	3½
Young, Muriel — Grade III	35	36

*Milford  
High  
School*



By George H. Corson, *Principal*

With the advent of the new school, which will provide ample room for expansion and improvement of many phases of our school program, we are approaching a new era of educational opportunities for the youth of Milford. We are all aware of the increased burden on the taxpayers of Milford and wish to commend them for recognizing the value of good educational opportunities for our children.

*Beginning Teachers*

With all due respect to the beginning teachers and with a hearty commendation for their many hours of arduous labor in learning the rudiments of this difficult profession, I would like to say this to the people of Milford.

Please recognize the fact that a beginning teacher cannot do the same job of teaching that one of many years of experience can do. This year at Milford Junior-Senior High School we have nine beginning teachers, people who have chosen this profession because of a genuine interest in young people. They have and are all working to the extent of their capabilities to

master those qualities which make for a good teacher. Naturally, they made mistakes, but for the most part they are progressing normally and many fine teachers will be forthcoming from this year of experience.

When you confront them with your problems please keep in mind that they too, as you once were, are beginners in their profession and liable to mistakes. They can benefit greatly from your constructive criticism given, not in a fit of anger, but in a spirit of true helpfulness.

A normal year was enjoyed in most phases of our activities in the Milford Junior-Senior High School. To keep this report within reasonable proportion, I will touch but briefly on the many subjects that become repetitious over the years.

#### *O'Connor Fund*

This year the Milford Junior-Senior High School Athletic Association formally received, from the estate of a former pupil, the sum of approximately \$50,000 in invested funds. This fund is controlled by the Athletic Association (student body) of the school. An advisory committee of one school board member, two local townspeople, the faculty treasurer of the association, and principal has been set up to aid the students in the handling of this fund. The advisory committee recommended that only the income from this fund be used each year to insure a continued source of revenue for the years to come. This advice was accepted by the association and will be written into the constitution of the Milford Athletic Association.

The will stipulates that the money be used "for the maintenance and furtherance of athletics at the Milford Junior-Senior High School." We are presently adding to the athletic program of the school such sports as soccer, track, cross country, and field hockey.

The present yearly income from this fund is approximately \$2,000.

#### *Commercial Department*

To many of the pupils at our school this course is the stepping stone to employment immediately on graduating from high school. Our course in its present form is inadequately preparing



our graduates for competition with those pupils from the surrounding high schools.

This year Superintendent Bowley and the school board are recommending another teacher and more equipment for this department that we may offer further necessary courses in the preparing of these pupils. Also, that we may offer typewriting to all those people desiring it regardless of their course of study.

### *Home Economics*

The recommendations, of the past years, in regard to this department will soon be realized and Milford High School will have physical facilities comparable to any school of its size in the state.

### *Shop*

With the addition of the new school wood shop last year we now have a very adequate shop program.

I would like to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the people of Milford to the Abbott Machine Company who over a period of years has saved the school district thousands of dollars by keeping our machine shop continuously supplied with all kinds of materials, free of charge.

The above specialized courses were reported on at greater length because of the fact that during the last few years a greater appropriation of funds has been asked for, that we might keep pace with the general advancement in these areas.

### *School Camping*

School camping was introduced for the first time this year and was received with mixed emotions. After observing the results and the genuine values received by those who participated, it would seem that the decision to continue this practice is a wise one.

### *Awards, Scholarships, and Donations*

The organizations and individuals pertaining to the above title have become so numerous that to give due mention to each one would involve a voluminous report. To all who have made scholarships possible, made awards to the many pupils, and have donated time, services and money, we are indeed very grateful.



## IN BRIEF:

### *Athletics*

All of the instructors in this area are beginners, but they have done outstanding jobs, not only in producing winning teams, but instilling into their charges the true spirit of competition, sportsmen-like conduct, and an understanding of working and playing together as a team; the fundamental basis of our democratic way of life. We expect to be able to improve the program, another year, when the so-called utility room in the new school is available.

### *Music and Dramatics*

These fields of endeavor were carried on as usual. The music is still under the handicap of a "catch as catch can" basis. With the increased facilities another year we hope to be able to include music as part of our regularly scheduled program.

### *Guidance*

Our guidance program is functioning smoothly and more and more parents and pupils are taking advantage of its many services.

### *Activity Period*

We have now scheduled two activity periods a week and many new activities are beginning to take shape. We are handicapped tremendously because of lack of space and teacher time, but this situation should improve a great deal with the new building in operation.

### *Graduates*

A large percentage of our last year's graduating class went on to post secondary institutions of learning and from all reports sent to me, are continuing to reflect the fine training received at Milford High School.

Keeping in mind that the cost of instruction is perhaps the largest single item asked for in the school budget, I would still like to say this: the education and training a school gives to its pupils is directly proportional to the caliber of teacher it has on its faculty. If it becomes necessary for your superintendent and school board to pay higher salaries in order to keep the good

teachers and to be selective in the hiring of new teachers, I feel confident that they will receive your heartiest cooperation.

I wish to, on behalf of the faculty, pupils, and myself, thank you the people of Milford for providing such adequate educational facilities.

I wish to thank my co-workers in this educational endeavor: Mr. Bowley, the school board, Mrs. Gill, school nurse, Dr. Burns, school doctor, Miss Connolly, helping teacher, Mr. Tostevin, truant officer, Mr. Randall and Mr. Forsyth, school custodians.

Progress is measured in one direction only and I believe the schools of Milford are on the right road.

#### MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES — 1954

Helen B. Archambault  
Betty Mae Ashford  
Domenica Aveni  
Jacqueline Mae Bartlett  
Alice Eleanor Bassett  
Shirley Elaine Bohonan  
David Trent Brown \*  
Raymond Merton Brown  
Dolores Venita Calvetti \*  
Mary Jacqueline Calvetti  
Alwyn Charles Carleton, Jr.  
Douglas Roy Claire  
Marcia Clark \*  
Russell William Colby  
David Roger Dillon  
Martha Dyson  
Major Royal Foskett  
Guy William Franklin  
Ronald William Gatchell  
Roland Averill Grant  
Elizabeth Anne Haskell \*  
Jane Heckman  
Patricia Anne Howard \*  
Theresa M. Jarest  
Gordon Herbert C. Johnstone  
\* Top Ten Seniors

Barbara Jean Laurence  
Robertta Ann Lawrence  
Janice Rae Long  
Teresa Marie Luongo \*  
Edith Madison  
Frederick George Marshall \*  
Barbara Mae Metcalf  
William Burns Newbold  
Mary Elizabeth O'Connor  
Patricia Osborne \*  
Grayson Lunnie Parker  
Sandra Helen Piper  
Seth Burbank Pomeroy  
Marilyn F. Putnam \*  
Barbara A. Raymond  
Paul Fredrick Silva  
Marion Louise Stinson  
Norman Edward Stroncer  
Beverly Doris Taylor  
Marlene Joyce Thibeault  
Denice Nilsine Thompson  
Joan Weatherley \*  
Fred Minot Wetherbee  
Beryl Emily Woods  
John Cornelius Wyman

## *Perfect Attendance*

Eight Years: Dolores Calvetti, Marcia Erikson.

Four Years: Corinne Carpentiere, Priscilla Conrey, Richard D'Amato, Herbert Adams.

Three Years: Nancy Henderson, Annie Parker, Natalie Conti, Glenda Pratt, Jacqueline Wheeler, Marilyn Townsend.

Two Years: Herbert Brockner, Verna Burgeson, Mary Lou Calvetti, Janice Erikson, Ross Gangloff, Cynthia Smith, Armand Martin, Mildred Heaps, Marilyn Vigneault, William Richardson, Carol Ruonala, Jeannette Gatto, Andrea McBain, Lloyd MacNeil, David Paro, Patricia Puckett, Dennis Adams.

### SCHOOL YEAR — 1953-54

High School: Herbert Brockner, Verna Burgeson, Dolores Calvetti, Mary Lou Calvetti, Corinne Carpentiere, Priscilla Conrey, Natalie Conti, Richard D'Amato, Janice Erikson, Marcia Erikson, Ross Gangloff, Nancy Henderson, Georgina MacNeil, William Newbold, Annie Parker, Shirley Rejimbail, Barbara Robbins, John Seamans, Cynthia Smith, Elizabeth Whitten.

Junior High: Richard Jones, Armand Martin, Martha Proctor, William Richardson, Carrol John Stevens, William Conrey, Jr., Joyce Ashford, Davida Courage, Jack Fiske, Mildred Heaps, Janet Johnston, Glenda Pratt, Carl Rizzi, Kenneth Wheeler.

Grade VI: Caroline Carpentiere, Michael Cullinan, Erma Paige, Daniel Webster, Herbert Adams, Sally Marshall, Marie Sanderson, Arline Sears, Helen Stevens, Marilyn Vigneault.

Grade V: Barry Lorden, Mary Vanetti, Elizabeth Carter, Robert Odell, Jean Ouellette, Carol Ruonala, Jacqueline Wheeler.

Grade IV: Robert Boynton, Jeannette Gatto, Andrea McBain, Harold Webster, Joan Krush, Lloyd MacNeil, David Paro, Patricia Puckett.

Grade III: Peter Bell, Sandra Kregos, James Wetherbee.

Grade II: Dennis Adams.

Grade I: Carl Olsen.

# SCHOOL CENSUS

Mrs. Hazel Adams, *Enumerator*

<i>Age as of Sept. 1, 1954</i>	<i>No. of Children</i>			<i>No. Attending Public Schools</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	
Under 1	78	38	40	
1	74	36	38	
2	82	40	42	
3	90	48	42	
4	85	44	41	
5	90	44	46	21
6	67	38	29	67
7	118	67	51	118
8	78	39	39	78
9	50	29	21	49
10	65	31	34	65
11	71	31	40	71
12	64	31	33	64
13	66	37	29	65
14	50	25	25	50
15	59	22	37	56
16	55	22	33	48
17	57	26	31	42
18	43	20	23	4
Total	1342	668	674	798

## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1954-55

Begin	Close
Wednesday, September 8, 1954	Friday, December 17, 1954
Monday, January 3, 1955	Friday, February 18, 1955
Monday, February 28, 1955	Friday, April 22, 1955
Monday, May 2, 1955	Approximately June 17, 1955

### Holidays:

October 14-15 — Teachers' Convention  
 November 25-26 — Thanksgiving  
 May 30, Memorial Day



## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1955-1956

Begin	Close
Wednesday, September 7, 1955	Wednesday, December 21, 1955
Tuesday, January 3, 1956	Friday, February 17, 1956
Monday, February 27, 1956	Friday, April 20, 1956
Monday, April 30, 1956	Approximately June 13, 1956

### Holidays:

October 13-14 — Teachers' Convention

November 24-25 — Thanksgiving

School closes at 12:15 November 23, 1955

May 30 — Memorial Day

## REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION 1953-1954

Dr. Oscar Burns, Examiner

(Mrs.) Gloria Maguire, R.N., School Nurse

The total number of children examined      811

The following defects, treatments and corrections  
were reported:

	<i>Defects</i>	<i>Pupils Receiving Treatment</i>
Defective Vision	14	10
Defective Skin	6	3
Defective Scalp	1	1
Defective Posture	1	1
Defective Speech	5	5
Defective Teeth	198	101
Diseased Tonsils and Adenoids	63	12
Defective Eyes	2	2
Enlarged Glands	4	
Orthopedic	42	28
Hernia	1	1
Cardiac Disease	6	6

Parents were informed of all the above cases.

### Diseases reported:

Chicken Pox	76
Measles ....	1
Pediculosis	3

## GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1953-1954

Number of different pupils registered during year:

Boys 459; Girls 474 933

Enrollment by Grades:

I-122; II-92; III-69; IV-70; V-69; VI-76;  
VII-79; VIII-72; IX-68; X-88; XI-78; XII-50 933

Number of non-resident pupils in High School 81

Number of non resident pupils in Elementary School 15

Average membership in High School (Grades 9-12) 267.2

Per Cent of Attendance in High School 94.7

Average membership in Grades 1-8 605.9

Per Cent of Attendance in Grades 1-8 94.4

Number not absent or tardy during year 45

Number of sessions in all schools 348

Number of School Board Meetings 11

Number of visits made by Superintendent 52

Number of visits made by Helping Teacher 310

Teaching Positions: Junior High and High — 21;

Elementary — 16; Part-time Teachers — 3

## FINANCIAL REPORT — KALEY PRIZE CONTEST — 1953-54

### *Prize Speaking Contest — Grade X*

Programs	\$13 00	
Judges	15 00	
Prizes	70 00	
Officer	4 00	
	-----	\$102 00

### *Extemporaneous Contest — Grade XII*

Prizes	\$52 00	
Judges	15 00	
	-----	67 00

Bank Charges		1 00
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Total Amount Expended 1953-54		\$170 00
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Balance on Hand, July 1953	\$ 31 28	
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Plus Receipts	175 00	
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Less Payments	170 00	
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Balance on Hand, July 1954	\$ 36 28	
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# FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954)

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$197,585 63
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$197,580 36
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Cash Balance June 30, 1954	\$ 5 27

## *Receipts*

### *Federal Aid:*

Smith-Hughes and George-Barden	\$3,200 23
National School Lunch	1,534 91
	-----\$ 4,735 14

### *Local Taxation:*

Current Appropriation	161,226 13
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### *Other Sources:*

Elementary School Tuitions	\$ 2,280 00
Secondary School Tuitions	20,456 55
Notes or Bonds	3,500 00
Other Income	2,197 48
	----- 28,434 03

Total Receipts from all Sources	\$194,395 30
Cash on Hand July 1, 1953	3,190 33
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GRAND TOTAL	\$197,585 63
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# Payments

(Note: Expenditures for Grades VII and VIII, housed in the High School Building, are, for the purpose of administration considered as Elementary Costs.)

## ADMINISTRATION:

### 1. Salaries of District Officers:

Owen P. Fisk, School Board	\$100 00	
Donald K. McLeod, School Board	100 00	
Martha M. Rotch, School Board	100 00	
David Deans, Jr., Moderator	5 00	
Maurice G. Jewett, Treasurer	100 00	
A. Wallace Wilkins, Clerk	5 00	
Leonard S. Lorden, Auditor	5 00	
Paul C. Rizzi, Auditor	5 00	
	-----	\$ 420 00

### 2. Superintendent's Salary (Local Share):

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40	1,972 80
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### 3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision:

State Treasurer, \$2 per capita tax	1,530 00
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### 4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:

Hazel Adams, Census Enumerator	\$ 100 00	
Arthur Tostevin	50 00	
Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40,		
Office Clerk	2,146 34	
	-----	2,296 34

### 5. Supplies and Expenses:

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40,		
Office Expenses	\$1287 80	
Conference Expenses, Printing,		
Advertising, etc.	111 09	
	-----	1,398 89

## INSTRUCTION:



*6. Principals' and Teachers' Salaries:*

Emma Barnes	\$3,000 00
Doris Breck	4 50
Margaret Bullard	2,500 00
Sarah Byrne	2,700 00
Raymond Camp	3,300 00
Herbert Canfield	3,300 00
Hector Chartrain	3,200 00
Kathryn Clarkin	3,000 00
Mabel I. Connolly	21 96
George H. Corson	5,000 00
Phyllis Courage	81 00
Elizabeth J. Ells	2,600 00
Eva Gagnon	3,000 00
Normand Gagnon	3,000 00
Clarence Gay	3,200 00
Mrs. Clarence Gay	25 00
Katherine Gogan	3,000 00
Clifton Gordon	3,000 00
Barbara Grund	2,600 00
Alberta Hagar	3,100 00
Dorothy Haskell	3,000 00
Lyle Hood	3,000 00
Sibyl Karstock	18 00
Florence Langley	3,100 00
John LaTourette	3,200 00
Richard Lynch	3,350 00
Harold McBride	3,450 00
Mary McGettigan	3,100 00
Dorothy Messenger	1,800 00
Beatrice Miller	3,000 00
Mary Nagle	3,100 00
Edith Noble	3,100 00
Helen Page	4 50
Louise Pickering	2,800 00
Doris Rebidue	3,100 00
Bertha Saigh	2,800 00

Lester Smith	3,200 00	
Fay Stinson	2,700 00	
Marilyn Thomas	2,700 00	
Hazel Tonella	3,100 00	
Norman Turcotte	3,200 00	
Elsie F. Wheeler	1,100 00	
Leota Whitcomb	3,500 00	
Marion Young	3,000 00	
Muriel Young	3,000 00	
	-----	*117,054 96

\*This amount includes deductions for:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield	\$ 1,439 85	
Income Tax	13,433 25	
Insurance	933 69	
Retirement	8,393 96	
High	\$47,201.78;	Elementary \$69,853.18

*7. Books and Other Instructional Aids:*

High School	\$1,227 74	
Elementary	974 37	
	-----	2,202 11

*8. Scholars' Supplies:*

(Consumed as Used)

High School	\$2,947 89	
Elementary	1,894 28	
	-----	4,842 17

*10. Other Expenses of Instruction:*

(Repair and replacement of maps, reference books, etc.)

High School	\$839 92	
Elementary	519 14	
	-----	1,359 06

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE  
OF SCHOOL PLANT:

*11. Janitors' Salaries:*

Earle L. Randall, High School janitor	\$2,800 00
Arthur Tostevin, Elementary janitor	2,650 00

John Forsyth, High School janitor	2,500 00	
Special Officers	118 80	
	-----	*8,068 80

\*This amount includes deductions for:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield	\$ 130 80	
Income Tax	534 00	
Retirement	486 58	
High School \$3,649.18; Elementary \$4,419.62		

*12. Fuel or Heat:*

High School	\$1,831 29	
Elementary	1,762 96	
	-----	3,594 25

*13. Water, Light, Janitor Supplies and Expenses:*

(Water, lights, building and janitor supplies  
which are consumed in using)

High School	\$2,468 40	
Elementary	1,663 03	
	-----	4,131 43

*14 Repairs and Replacements:*

(Repairs to stoker, floors, plumbing, lighting,  
machines, typewriters, clocks — replacements  
of windows, light bulbs, machine belts, etc.)

High School	\$2,804 43	
Elementary	525 35	
	-----	3,329 78

AUXILIARY AGENCIES AND  
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

*15. Health Supervision:*

(a) Salaries

Oscar Burns, M.D.	\$ 200 00	
Souhegan Nursing Association	1,004 00	
	-----	1,204 00

(b) Supplies and Expenses

32 19

*16. Transportation:*

Milford Taxi	\$ 4 75	
Harris Daniels	3,000 00	
Maurice L. Daniels	1,400 00	
Draper Transportation Co.	3,300 00	
	-----	7,704 75

*17. Tuition:*

N. H. Department of Public Welfare (Elementary School)		110 17
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*18. Special Activities and Funds:*

Ethel S. Moore, Lunch Supervisor	\$1,534 91	
Lynch's Sports Equip. Co.	15 84	
	-----	1,550 75

*19. Retirement:*

Teachers' Retirement System	\$7,716 83	
Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40, Superintendent's Retirement	126 04	
Employees' Retirement System	398 40	
	-----	8,241 27

*20. Insurance, Treasurer's Bond and Expenses:*

(a) Treasurer's Bond	\$ 15 00	
(b) Insurance	1,443 98	
	-----	1,458 98

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

*21. Lands and New Buildings:*

5,500 00

*22. Additions and Improvements to Buildings:*

(Repairs and alterations of more permanent nature to increase value and efficiency of the property, such as redecorating, roof repairs)		5,438 71
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23. *New Equipment:*

Desks and Chairs	\$1,707 27	
Emergency Light Heads	41 00	
Other	1,213 20	
	-----	2,961 47

DEBT AND INTEREST:

25. *Principal of Debt:*

Souhegan National Bank	6,000 00
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26. *Interest on Debt:*

Souhegan National Bank	1,259 31
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27. *Shop:*

Shop repairs	3,916 15
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28. *Annex:*

Expenses	2 02
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	-----	\$197,580 36
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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

OWEN P. FISK,  
MARIO INFANTI,  
MARTHA M. ROTCH,  
*School Board.*

# *Balance Sheet*

JUNE 30, 1954

## *Assets*

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1954	\$	5	27
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)		67,994	73
TOTAL	-----	\$68,000	00

## *Liabilities*

Notes and Bonds Outstanding	\$68,000	00
TOTAL	-----	\$68,000 00

OWEN P. FISK,  
MARTHA M. ROTCH,  
MARIO J. INFANTI,  
*School Board.*

HAROLD C. BOWLEY, *Superintendent*  
July 7, 1954

## LONG TERM NOTES OUTSTANDING

(As of January 31, 1955)

<i>Building</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Paid this Yr.</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Yrs. to Go</i>
Annex	\$ 68,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$ 62,000.00	12
Garage	3,500.00		3,500.00	5
New Building	257,000.00		257,000.00	20

## *School Treasurer*

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954)

MAURICE G. JEWETT, Treasurer,

In account with the School District of Milford  
Dr.

Balance as per last report	\$ 3,190 33
Board of Selectmen:	
Appropriation as of March 1953	161,226 13
From Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	1,534 91
Smith-Hughes and George-Barden	3,200 23
From Other Sources:	
Elementary Tuitions	2,280 00
Secondary Tuitions	20,456 55
Notes or Bonds	3,500 00
Other Receipts	2,197 48
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	\$197,585 63

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Payments on order of School Board	\$187,580 36
Cash on Hand June 30, 1954	5 27
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	\$197,585 63

## *Auditors' Report*

(Required by the State Board of Education from  
all State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the School Board and Treasurer of the School District of Milford, New Hampshire, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and find them correct in all respects.

LEONARD S. LORDEN,  
PAUL C. RIZZI,

*Auditors.*

## *Abstract*

### NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT, 1954

#### *Expenditures*

Current Expenditures	\$190,322 90
Capital Outlay	
Painting and Gutters	4,000 00
New Equipment	3,100 00
Special Appropriations	
Preparation of Building Plans	2,000 00
Debt and Interest	7,152 85
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-----\$206,575 75

#### *Receipts*

Federal Aid (Est.)	\$ 2,700 00
State Aid, Dec., 1954 Allotment	478 99
Tuition (Est.)	24,750 00
Other Receipts (Est.)	3,500 00
Assessment Required to Meet	
School District Appropriation	175,146 76
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-----\$206,575 75

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amount to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Milford School District March 6 to May 8, 1954.

A. WALLACE WILKINS,

*Clerk of the School District.*

## *Insurance Coverage*

<i>Coverage</i>	<i>Amount</i>
High School Building and Annex	\$160,000 00
High School Building and Annex Contents	10,000 00
Elementary Building	80,000 00
Elementary Building Contents	2,200 00
Laurel School Building	2,500 00
TOTAL	-----\$254,700 00



# *School Meetings*

MARCH 6, 1954

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the voters of the School District of Milford assembled at the Town Hall and at 8 o'clock P. M. were called to order by the Moderator, David Deans, Jr.

After reading the Warrant the Moderator called upon Rev. LaVern Ells, pastor of the Methodist Church, who offered prayer.

Article 1. David Deans, Jr., was re-elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. A. Wallace Wilkins was re-elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. Mario J. Infanti was elected a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Article 4. Maurice G. Jewett was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 5. On motion of Mr. Fisk it was voted to discuss this article under Article 8.

Article 6. On motion of Mr. Fisk it was voted that the report of the Special School Committee be accepted.

Article 7. On motion of Mr. Fisk it was voted that the school audit be made by the Town Auditors.

Article 8. Mr. Fisk read the items and gave a short explanation of the items which appear under this article. Mr. Fisk then moved that the sum of \$193,952.25 be raised and appropriated for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Article 9. On motion of Mr. Fisk it was voted that the sum of \$3,523.50 be raised and appropriated for insurance and expenses.

Article 10. On motion of Mr. Fisk it was voted that the sum of \$7,100.00 be raised and appropriated for special repairs, new equipment and replacements.

Article 11. On motion of Mrs. Rotch it was voted that the present Educational Survey Committee be constituted as a building committee to continue their study of providing more adequate school accommodations and to authorize this building committee to select an architect, prepare preliminary plans and specifications and present a budget covering this capital outlay at a recessed meeting on May 8, 1954. Unanimous.

Article 12. On motion of Mr. McLeod it was voted that the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the use of the building committee to prepare preliminary plans and specifications as outlined above. A unanimous vote.

Article 13. The Moderator announced that Articles 13, 14 and 15 would lay over to the May 8th meeting.

Article 14.

Article 15.

Article 16. On motion of Mr. Fisk it was unanimously voted that the School Board be authorized to make application for and to receive in the name of the district such advances, grants in aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any state or private agency.

Article 17. On motion of Mr. Fisk it was voted that the district raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500.00 to purchase the garage property adjacent to the Elementary School and authorize the school board to lease the property for a four year period at \$2,000.00 payable with the signing of deed and lease and to issue five equal serial notes for a total of \$3,500.00 upon the credit of the district for the sum so raised and appropriated, and to authorize the school board to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes shall be issued, their sale, the time and place of payment of principal in accordance with the municipal board statute, N. H. revised laws, chapters 72 and 55, as amended by laws of 1953.

Article 18. On motion of Mr. Silva it was unanimously voted that the next annual school meeting be held on the Saturday evening next preceding town meeting at 8 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. Fisk it was voted that this meeting be recessed until May 8, 1954, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Meeting declared recessed at 9:45 P. M.

A. WALLACE WILKINS, Clerk.

#### MAY 8, 1954

The recessed meeting was called to order by Moderator David Deans, Jr., at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Moderator stated that this meeting was called upon to act on Articles 13, 14 and 15 of the Warrant for the recessed school meeting of March 6, 1954, and then read these articles.

Mr. Infanti then briefly told of the many meetings of the building committee since last March, the selection of the Granger Co. of Hanover, N. H., as Architects, from the five considered, and that the plans for consideration tonight had resulted from the joint suggestions offered by the Granger firm together with those presented by the committee members themselves.

Article 13. Acting under this article it was moved by Mr. Infanti and seconded by Mr. Fisk that the district build and equip a new school building, make the necessary alterations in the present high school building, and provide adequate sanitary service and administration facilities and to acquire any real property that may be necessary for the proper location of such a school.

**Result of Vote**

Total number of votes	170
In favor of the Resolution	170
Against the Resolution	0

Article 14. Moved by Mr. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the school district raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$257,000.00) for the construction, equipment, and furnishings for such a school and acquisition of any real property that may be necessary for its location, and in order to raise such a sum the issuance of serial notes or bonds on the credit of the district for a sum not to exceed two hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$257,000.00) be authorized and the School Board be empowered to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes or bonds shall be issued including their sale, the time and place of payment of principal in accordance with N. H. Public Laws, Chapter 72, and any amendments thereto.

**Result of Vote**

Total number of votes	174
In favor of the Resolution	174
Against the Resolution	0

Article 15. Moved by Mr. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Draper, that the district authorize the building committee to select the location of the school and to supervise the construction of said building, provided that the plans, specifications and selection of the site for the new school shall be approved by the school board acting alone as required by law and the school board be further authorized to execute any and all contracts or agreements necessary in connection with the construction of said school.

Result of vote declared by Moderator to be unanimously Yes.

It was then voted, on motion of Mr. Wadleigh, that this meeting extend its thanks to the building committee and school board for the tremendous amount of time and thought they had expended in the development and presentation of the plans which have been unanimously adopted by this meeting.

Unanimously Yes.

No further business appearing it was voted to adjourn at 8:35 P. M.

A. WALLACE WILKINS, Clerk.





